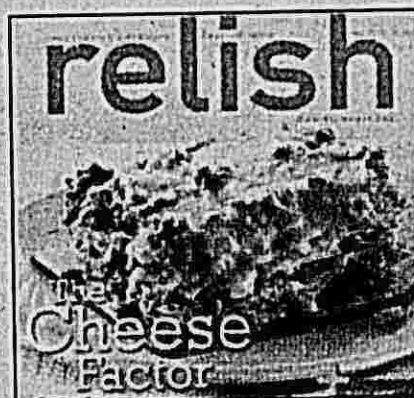


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Antioch Elementary students Symphony Greenlee (left) and RaeAnn Leist, both 8, spin on the dance floor during the school's seventh annual Husky Hop. The Feb. 24 event helped raise money for new classroom projectors.

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LAKE COUNTY: CIRCUIT COURT

Sex crime allegations jolt Antioch area

Former Cub Scout leader pleads not guilty in Lake County Court

By TARA CLIFTON
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WAUKEGAN — Sometimes, no matter how many precautions are taken, one still can't predict a person's actions.

The community was reminded of this stinging truth after accusations surfaced against Carl W. Doty, 46, a former leader with Antioch Cub Scout Pack 93.

While in court Feb. 22, Doty, of rural Antioch, shook his head in seeming protest as Judge James K. Booras read in graphic detail the charges against him.

With his hands in cuffs behind his back, Doty kept his head down and stayed silent during most of the arraignment.

Doty pleaded not guilty to two counts of predatory criminal sexual assault and two counts of criminal sexual abuse.

His pretrial hearing is set for April 18.

The charges came as a shock to many, and community leaders gathered to discuss effect of the case on residents.

Nobody could have known this situation would arise, said Charles Frieman, director of field service for the Northeast Illinois Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

All adults who want to be Boy Scout or Cub Scout leaders must go through a rigorous application process, Frieman said.

"But there are just certain things you can't protect against," Frieman said. "You do the best you can."



Carl W. Doty
He has pleaded not guilty to sexual abuse and sexual assault charges.

To be a leader, Doty passed a criminal background check, a detailed questionnaire, references, a review of past leadership experiences and more, Frieman said.

Violent crimes, crimes against children and illegal drug involvement will automatically disqualify an applicant, he said.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office told the Northeast Illinois Council that Doty had no previous criminal history.

Paul Hayes, interim pastor at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, where Pack 93 meets, said a Cub Scout group talked last week about protection and accountability.

Scott Thompson, superintendent of

Antioch District 34, said a temporary crisis team was formed Jan. 26, the day news of the case broke.

In a letter to parents, Thompson wrote that, as far as administrators knew, Doty had no contact with students inside the schools. He had been in a school only twice: once for a parent-teacher conference, and once for "Back-to-School Night." He had set up a table displaying Cub Scout information.

Predatory criminal sexual assault is a felony punishable by a mandatory prison sentence between six and 30 years. The sexual abuse charges are punishable by a prison sentence between three and seven years.

Doty is charged with victimizing a 12-year-old girl. Sheriff's authorities said they believe the abuse took place several times between July 2006 and his arrest.

County police arrested Doty after a three-month investigation.

"We believe this to be a systematic pattern of abuse where several other incidents occurred over a period of time," Sheriff Mark Curran said in a written statement.

Because of Doty's close relationship with the Cub Scouts, authorities believe she might not be the only victim.

Help for victims

Parents who have children who might have come into contact with Doty are encouraged to speak to police about the situation.

Parents who suspect that their child might have been abused by Doty are encouraged to call the Criminal Investigations Division of the Lake County Sheriff's Office at (847) 377-4250.

Lake County Sheriff's Office spokesman Sgt. Chris Thompson said no other victims had come forward as of this week.



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But one call was made at the Lake County Courthouse. The other to

Highland Park High School.

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We don't print everything we know, of course. That's called editorial judgment.

For example, we sometimes withhold names of victims of, or wit-

nesses to, crimes.

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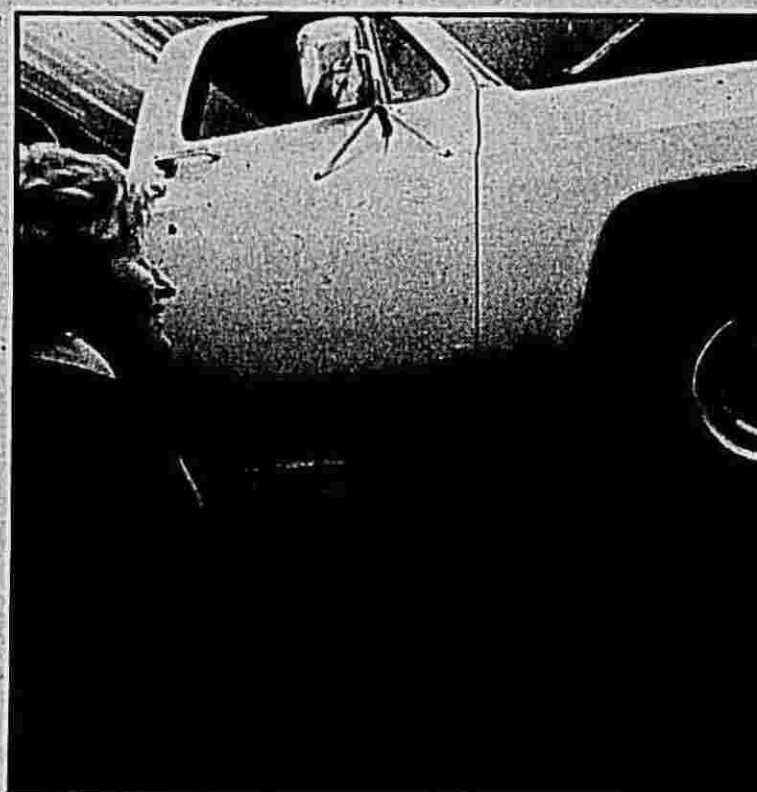


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"We're all very sad, and that's how we're supposed to feel. When you lose someone it hurts."

—Deborah Harding, Antioch Elementary School principal, on the traffic death to second grade student Zachary Taylor (see story below)

Community mourns AES student

Boy, aunt, cousin killed in tragic car accident

By TARA CLIFTON

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ANTIOCH — When Lorna Faith's second grade class cleaned out a student's desk at Antioch Elementary School last week, they found items that made them laugh and cry.

That student, Zachary K. Taylor, 8, died last weekend in a car accident that also killed his aunt and cousin. Funeral services for all three were at Strang Funeral Home in Antioch on Thursday, March 1.

It turned out that Zachary's desk was quite messy, said Deborah Harding, the school's principal.

Zach had left a half-eaten cheese cracker and two crumpled Capri Sun juice containers, Harding said with a chuckle.

But everyone's eyes filled with tears when students recovered a sheet of paper with the word "Dad" written in cursive scrawled repeatedly on the entire page.

Faith's class had recently learned the

art of cursive writing, Harding said, and Zachary had practiced it on the paper.

Students and staffers at Antioch Elementary School spent the past week remembering Zachary, and learning how to manage their grief.

Kenosha County Sheriff's Deputies are still piecing together the details of the car crash that killed Zachary and Salem, Wis., residents Brandy A. Taylor, 36, and her daughter Nikkole A. Taylor, 18, Zach's aunt and cousin, respectively.

All three died from injuries related to the accident that occurred Saturday, Feb. 24.

At 8:35 a.m. that day, a 2000 Dodge Caravan traveled eastbound on County Highway C in Bristol, said Sgt. Gil Ben, public relations officer with the Kenosha Sheriff's Office.

Brandy, who was driving, lost control on a snowy curve and broad-sided a county snow plow that was traveling westbound. The minivan slammed into the truck with such force, Ben said, that the blade was torn off and sliced through the car. The van spun out into a ditch.

Nikkole sat in the front passenger seat, and her cousin, Zachary, sat in the middle

Learn more

To find out more about Zachary K. Taylor, Brandy A. Taylor, and Nikkole A. Taylor, log onto Strang Funeral Home's Web site, www.strangfh.com

row behind Nikkole. Rescue workers pronounced Brandy and Nikkole dead at the scene. Zachary was rushed to St. Catherine's Medical Center in Pleasant Prairie, Wis., where he later died of injuries related to the accident.

The family dog that also rode in the van was killed.

Ben said that the Taylors were driving to a recreational center in Pleasant Prairie, Wis., for a basketball game.

The driver of the county snow plow, who was uninjured, was traveling below the speed limit at the time of the accident, Ben said.

He is following all protocol related to the investigation, Ben added. "He's clearly shaken," Ben said. "He's emotionally devastated by it."

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Our Town

Donations go far

The "One for All Coalition" in conjunction with Open Arms Mission, Lindenhurst Early Childhood Center, 100% Foundation, and Northern Illinois Scholarship Program need items for more than 1,500 Easter baskets for Lake and Cook County kids.



Tara Clifton

The baskets will be given to for children in residential, foster and hospital care in Lake and Cook County. Items

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The Open Arms Mission, 1548 Main St., in Antioch from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; The A-Z Rental, 1530 Main St. in Antioch, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday; The Lindenhurst Early Childhood Center, 309 Granada Blvd., in Lindenhurst, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lake Villa, Lindenhurst or Antioch Village Halls.

Donations needed are wrapped candy, small toys and books, small stuffed animals, empty Easter baskets, and other treats.

For more information, call Scott at (847) 254-5251 or Frank at (847) 727-3885.

If you have interesting information or anecdotes to submit for "Our Town," e-mail reporter Tara Clifton at tclifton@nwnewsgroup.com.

Dancin' for a cause

Event raises funds for classrooms

By TARA CLIFTON

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ANTIOCH — The weather might have been blustery and cold last weekend, but 300 people still drove to Antioch Elementary School to dance, drink slushies, and visit a Tiki hut for temporary tattoos and glowing necklaces.

On Saturday, Feb. 24, 300 people gathered for the school's seventh Annual Husky Hop, which raised \$2,000 for classroom projectors.

"With the weather, we were really happy with what we had," said Evie Amelio, president of the school's Parent Teacher Organization.

Those who attended the hop participated in dozens of activities such as buying raffle tickets to win from a stash of 75 prizes and watching teachers compete in a dancing contest, Amelio said.

The Husky Hop was one of

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many activities that took place this year and last to raise money to buy overhead projectors for more than 17 classrooms at Antioch Elementary School, Amelio said. Each projector costs \$1,100.

The parent teacher organization has already garnered about \$10,000, which can pay for half of the projectors needed, Amelio said. But eight more projectors are needed, which will cost about \$8,000.

Amelio said the parent organization hopes to get the money by the end of the year. And they have an action plan.

Several more fundraisers are planned in the coming months, she said, which is a hefty task



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Nine-year-old Jamie Huber, of Antioch, cheers during the teachers dance contest at the seventh annual Husky Hop at Antioch Elementary School.

considering that up to 10 volunteers organize the events.

An international dinner is planned for April 21, scrap-

bookers can enjoy an afternoon of the activity on April 28, and a plant sale is in the works, Amelio said.

All the colors of the rainbow



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Students from Clearview Elementary in Waukegan wear costumes to represent Puerto Rico, as a part of Youth for Unity at the Boys and Girls Club in Waukegan on Friday, Feb. 23.

Step into those dancing shoes

Prom fever makes its way to D-117

By TARA CLIFTON
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In School District 117, one high school will make history while the other will reinstate a long-time tradition.

Volunteer groups are experiencing prom fever while they organize the first junior-senior prom at Lakes Community High School, and plan the first post-prom party in a year at Antioch Community High School.

Each school's prom isn't until May, but money is key in making parties happen, and parent committees have been working to raise funds, said Sue De Rose, who is part of the group setting up the Lakes' prom and after party.

Lakes prom committee members are planning an "Easter Breakfast with the Bunny," from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 10, in the gym at Lakes High School.

De Rose said that after breakfast, families can hunt for Easter eggs. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors and those younger than 10.

The prom itself is set for May 5 at a hotel in Rosemont, which De Rose said has not yet been finalized. Afterward, students can hop on a bus to WhirlyBall in Vernon Hills, which offers bumper cars, lacrosse, a climbing wall, karaoke and more.

As for Antioch High, a group of eight to 10 parents have gathered to put together a post-prom event for students. Last school year was the

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We wanted to create this so we would have a safe place for our kids. This extends the enjoyment of prom night in a safe way.

Darcy Dussault

Post-prom committee member

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first time teenagers didn't have an organized event to attend, said Darcy Dussault, who is on the post-prom committee.

Not enough volunteers stepped forward last time, Dussault said, but this year parents felt it was important to give students something fun to do.

"We wanted to create this so we would have a safe place for our kids," Dussault said. "This extends the enjoyment of prom night in a safe way."

Right now the plan is to host prom on May 19 at Timber Ridge Lodge and Waterpark at Grand Geneva, Dussault said. Volunteers hope to sell tickets at \$25 a person, but to make that happen more donations are needed.

But no matter how it happens, Dussault said she is excited for the students' special evening out.

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ANTIOCH

Revoked license

Jaime L. Degroot, 20, 500 block of Main Street, Antioch, driving with a revoked license, driving without a plate light, Feb. 28.

Disorderly conduct

Paul W. Gunn, 24, 900 block of David Street, Antioch, Feb. 24.

LAKE VILLA

Possession

Domini B. Edwards, 25, 107 Pheasant Trail, Lake Villa, possession of marijuana, ran a stop sign, illegal transportation of alcohol, Feb. 21.

DUI

Michael T. Canby, 22, 21563 W. Pine Street, Lake Villa, driving under the influence, driving recklessly, unlawful restraint, domestic battery, Feb. 17.

Disorderly conduct

Jeremiah J. Johnson, 21, 716 Waters Edge, Lake Villa, Feb. 19.

LINDENHURST

Suspended license

Daniel P. Klein, 22, 25038 W. Crawford, Antioch, driving with a suspended license, Feb. 25.

Keith A. Galauskas, 36, 37044 N. Terry Drive, Lake Villa, driving with a suspended license, driving without proof of insurance, Feb. 22.

Terry R. Adler, 46, 25493 Lehmann, Lake Villa, driving with a suspended license, driving without proof of insurance, Feb. 20.

Isidro Ramirez-Gonzalez, 24, 18192 Twin Lake, Grayslake, driving with a suspended license, Feb. 20.

Michael J. Laffey, 19, 410 Northgate, Lindenhurst, driving with a suspended license, driving with expired registration, Feb. 18.

Michael V. Blocker, 23, 69 Timber Lane, Lindenhurst, driving

with a suspended license, Feb. 17.

Dylan M. Sobocienski, 20, 23539 N. Spring Drive, Barrington, driving with a suspended license, Feb. 16.

Minor consumption

Ashley N. Jeziurski, 18, 2566 Mallard Drive, Feb. 25.

Ramon Rivas, 18, 22080 W. Cedar Drive, Antioch, Feb. 25.

DUI

Thomas R. Vaneekhout, 37, 503 Smith Ave., Lake Bluff, two counts of driving under the influence, possession of marijuana, possession of drug equipment, speeding, driving without a seat belt on, driving without proof of insurance, DUI with a blood alcohol content of 0.08, Feb. 21.

Ross E. Deckert, 34, 16220 N. 7th St., Phoenix, Ariz., driving under the influence, driving with improper lighting, improper use of registration, driving without proof of insurance, driving with a suspended license, Feb. 23.

Revoked license

Donald M. Long, 51, 2204 Witchwood, Lindenhurst, driving with a revoked license, wanted on an in-state warrant, Feb. 23.

No valid license

Scott M. White, 20, 887 Hunters Lane, Libertyville, driving without a valid driver's license, driving without a seat belt on, driving without proof of insurance, transportation of open liquor, Feb. 19.

Ruben E. Hernandez, 29, 1445 Windsor, Carpentersville, driving without a valid license, speeding, Feb. 22.

Dillia Ciriaco, 29, 547 Butrick, Waukegan, driving without a valid license, driving with tinted windows, Feb. 24.

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Jim Foerster of Antioch

I grew up in:
Antioch

My family:
Wife, Debbie, of 22 years; daughter, Lauren is 20 and a sophomore at Illinois State University in Bloomington-Normal; and Krissy is a senior at Antioch Community High School.

My pets:
Sad I have to say we put down our 16-year-old poodle a few months ago.

Occupation:
Police chief

I graduated from:
ACHS in 1980 and Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command in 2005.

Hobbies:
Fishing, hunting, and hanging around NASCAR tracks with family and friends.

Last movie you saw:
"The Departed"

My favorite band or music right now:
Kenny Chesney

Last book I read:
"From Good to Great"

Favorite restaurant:
Binanti's Little Italy

Favorite meal:
Linguine in red clam sauce

Favorite place to shop:
Woodfield Mall

If I could have one super power it would be:
The ability to spread tolerance throughout the world.

My dream job:
I suppose I have it, but it would be any leadership position where I could have some type of a positive impact on co-workers' lives.

My dream car:
Any diesel extended 4-by-4 cab pickup truck

My pet peeve is:
Dishonest, phony people

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D-34 offers students counseling after second-grader's recent death

• TAYLOR FAMILY

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Investigators have not yet determined the speed of the minivan when it crashed into the snow plow, Ben said.

Everything that happened that night might still remain a mystery, but at Antioch Elementary School, the focus was on Zach.

Harding said that social workers, psychologists, and other School District 34 staffers flooded the school on the Feb. 26 following the accident.

A crisis team was assembled that morning to map out the day's activities, Harding said.

Kids were offered counseling, teachers and social workers visited classrooms, and Harding spent time with Zachary's classmates.

A parent meeting was organized on Feb. 27 to help parents teach their children

ways to cope with death.

Even with her background in grief counseling, though, Harding said she still struggled.

"Every time [a death occurs], it brings up feelings you've had," she said. Several years ago, Harding lost her grandson.

And many children related their own stories such as losing a beloved pet, a grandparent, or a great-grandparent, Harding said.

The desk cleaning wasn't the only way Faith's class remembered Zachary, Harding said. They also wrote down things they loved about the 8-year-old.

"We just filled the whole chalkboard with things about him," Harding said. "He was a



Zachary K. Taylor

funny kid, a good table mate."

The school also stood for a moment of silence in the gym.

"Talk about a moment frozen in time," Harding said. "Seeing the kids standing silent, and hearing kids crying."

Harding said that social workers and teachers stressed the stages of grief, and the importance of allowing oneself to feel hurt.

"We're all very sad, and that's how we're supposed to feel," Harding said. "When you lose someone, it hurts."



Brandy A. Taylor



Nikkole A. Taylor

Local Digest

Easter parade

The Village of Antioch's Parks and Recreation Department is looking for residents to participate in its Easter Parade and egg hunt.

The parade begins at 10:30 a.m., on Saturday, April 7, with lineup starting from Skidmore Drive. The route ends at Williams Park, where the egg hunt will take place. No parking is available at the park, so parade participants are asked to arrange for rides back to the parking lot at Skidmore Drive.

Cost to get involved is free, and more information can be found by calling (847) 395-2160.

Bowling afternoon

The Exchange Club of Grayslake and other Lake County exchange clubs will host their annual Bowl-A-Thon for the prevention of child abuse from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Sunday, March 18, at Bertrand's Bowling Lanes, 2616 Washington St., in Waukegan.

Donations and raffle items are being sought for the event. For more information, call (847) 223-4502.

Relay celebration

A start-up celebration to promote this year's Relay for Life will take place from 7 to 10 p.m. on Friday, March 9, at the Antioch/Lake Villa Township Center on 1625 Deep Lake Road in Lake Villa.


The celebration will inform residents of the American Cancer Society's biggest fundraiser, to take place on July 28-29 at Antioch Community High School. The event will be for those living in Antioch, Lake Villa, Lindenhurst, and Fox Lake.

For more information, call Becky Koman at (847) 356-4378 or Maggie Byrne at (847) 838-4648.

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The Beautification Committee is looking for those who enjoy gardening to help preserve Antioch's flower beds and planters. Those who want to volunteer should call Donna J. Bevan at (847) 395-1000 extension 14.

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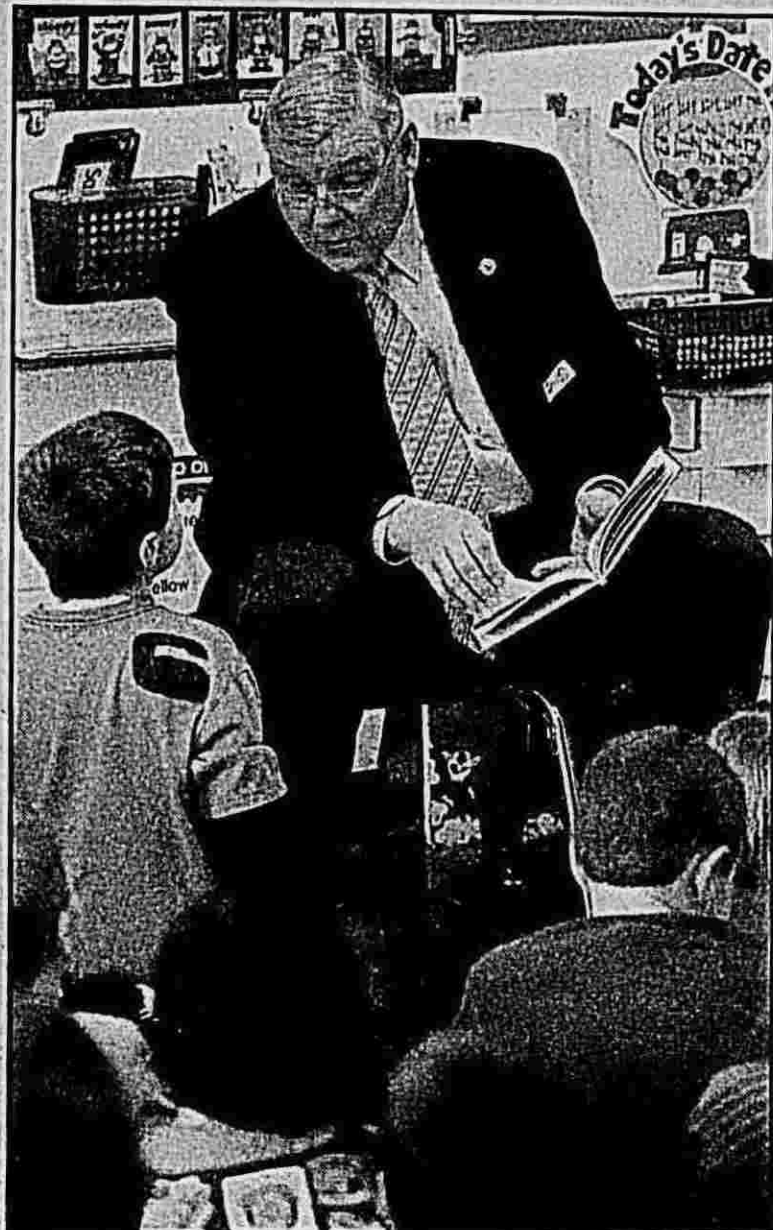
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I would read it anywhere

Warren Township High School Superintendent Phil Sobocinski reads the Dr. Seuss classic, "Green Eggs and Ham" to first-graders at Millburn School. Sobocinski was a mystery reader as part of Dr. Seuss week.



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Patch in some good news

Villages apply for dispatch grant

By TARA CLIFTON
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ANTIOCH - If all goes according to plan, Antioch's emergency dispatch center could get some much needed upgrades. And this would be good news for Lake Villa and Lindenhurst, too.

The three villages jointly applied for a Cy pres fund grant, which, if approved, would enable officials to upgrade telecommunications equipment, add a third dispatcher position, and make other tech-

nology improvements, said Antioch police chief James Foerster. Antioch dispatch serves Lake Villa and Lindenhurst.

Each town donated money for the grant, totaling more than \$154,000, Foerster said. That money wouldn't be available if it hadn't been for a lawsuit against a cell phone tax.

In 1997, Illinois placed a tax on cell phones because of the increased number of wireless calls to dispatch centers, Foerster said.

However, in 2002 a class action lawsuit was filed against the tax, and in 2005 it was found to be unfair.

Towns that had collected the cell phone tax were ordered to

pay back 70 percent of the money, with 60 percent of the funds going to dispatch centers, Foerster said.

Because Antioch serves all three villages, Foerster said that officials decided to put the money to the dispatch center at Main and Orchard streets.

According to www.cypres-funds.net, a Cy pres fund is used when it is impossible or impractical to distribute funds directly to the people harmed by an unfair situation. The courts decide how to compensate the victims as best as possible.

In this case, Foerster said officials will have to wait several months before they know whether they will be awarded the grant money.

Police still looking for robbery suspect

LAKE COUNTY JOURNALS

ANTIOCH - The Antioch Police Department is still hunting for a man who robbed a payday loan business.

Police were called at 6:13 p.m., on Feb. 22, to Advance America

Cash Advance, 656 W. Route 173. A clerk said that a man demanded money and displayed what appeared to be a handgun.

After she gave the robber an unknown amount of cash, and he ran from the scene. Nobody was injured during the incident.

Police are looking for a white male in his 20s. At the time of the robbery, he was wearing a knit cap, black jacket and blue jeans.

Anyone who has information in regards to the case can call the Antioch Police Department at (847) 395-8585.

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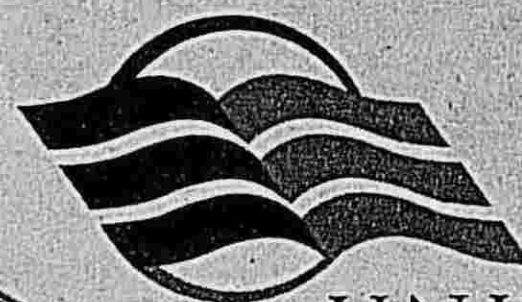
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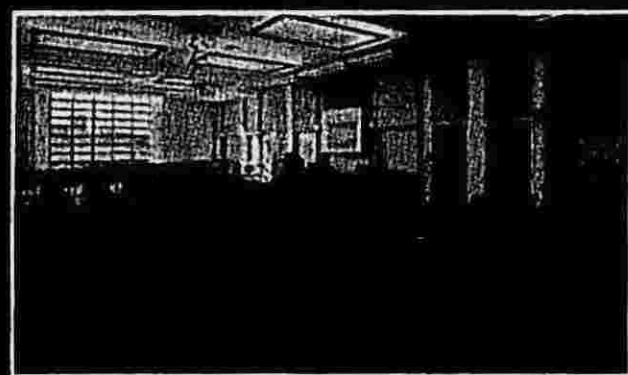
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ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

- **In The Mood Dance grand opening.** 7-11 p.m., Sunday, March 4. Atlantis Banquets, 1273 E. Rand Rd. A new weekly dance venue, for singles or couples, with music from the '40s to the '80s. Ribbon cutting at 7 p.m. Admission is \$8. For more information, call (847) 531-5678 or visit www.inthemooddance.org.
- **In the Mood Dance Birthday Party Dance.** 7-11 p.m., Sunday, March 11. Atlantis Banquets, 1273 E. Rand Rd. This monthly dance will celebrate those with March birthdays. Admission is \$8. For more information, call (847) 531-5678 or visit www.inthemooddance.org.

ANTIOCH

- **Sub-committee meetings of Antioch Village Board.** 7 p.m., first Mondays. Committee meetings of the whole follow at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall Board Room, 874 Main St.
- **Antioch Planning and Zoning Board meeting.** 7:30 p.m., second Thursdays. Municipal Building, 874 Main St. Call (847) 395-1000 to confirm.
- **Bingo.** 12:45 p.m., Mondays. The Senior Center. Call (847) 395-0139 for details.
- **Bingo.** 6:45 p.m., Tuesdays. Antioch VFW. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Call (847) 395-5393 for more information.
- **Pinochle.** 12:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays. The Senior Center. Call (847) 395-0139 for details.
- **Antioch Network of Friends meeting.** 7 p.m., first Tuesdays. Community Building, 884 Main St., back entrance. A multiple sclerosis support group. Call Louise at (847) 395-1317 or Rachel at (847) 973-1808 for details.
- **Take Off Pounds Sensibly meeting.** 6 p.m., Wednesdays, weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting. The Senior Center, 817 Holbek Dr. Call Dorothy at (847) 395-7407 or Betty at (847) 838-3907 for more information.
- **AFFTER (Advocates for Fibromyalgia Funding, Treatment Education and Research) support group meeting.** 10 a.m.-noon, first Saturdays. Antioch's Community Building, 884 Main St. Call (847) 362-7807 or go to www.AFFTER.org for more information.
- **Kiwanis Club of Antioch meeting.** Noon, Tuesdays. Petrucci's Italian Market & Cafe, 311 Depot St. The public is welcome to join and share experience, knowledge and service project ideas. Contact Melissa at (847) 489-8044, e-mail at mjrigoni@hotmail.com, or Larry Mondie at (847) 650-9530, e-mail at brscoops@aol.com for more information.
- **The Meeting House Museum.** 11 a.m.-3 p.m., first Saturdays. See original photos of Antioch and a veterans'

exhibit of photos and memorabilia from the Civil War through the Gulf War.

- **Antique Bottle Club of Northern Illinois.** 7:30 p.m., first Wednesdays. Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbek Dr.
- **Antioch Garden Club meeting.** 6:45 p.m., first Mondays. United Methodist Church, 848 Main St. All are welcome. Call Debbie at (847) 395-4699 to learn more.
- **Northern Lake County Quilters Guild meeting.** 7 p.m., first Wednesdays. Antioch Township Center on Deep Lake Rd. north of Grass Lake Rd. Call Madelyn Anderson at (847) 651-8349 to learn more.
- **Lakes Area Community Band rehearsal.** 7-9 p.m., Mondays. Antioch Community High School band room. Area musicians high school age and older are welcome to join. No auditions. Call Debbie Davis at (847) 395-0272 to learn more.
- **Open gym.** 7-9 p.m., Sundays. Antioch Community High School. \$2. Adults only.

CRYSTAL LAKE

- **Crystal Lake Toastmasters Club meeting.** 8-10 a.m., first and third Saturdays at Amcore Bank Building, Rt. 14 and Pingree Rd. Develop your presentation and leadership skills. For information, call Steve at (847) 526-1525 or visit <http://user.mc.net/~toast1>.

FOX LAKE

- **Business & Family Expo.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, March 3. Grant Community High School, 285 E. Grand Ave. For more information, call (847) 587-7474 or visit www.discoverfoxlake.com.
- **Big Hollow School PTO's 3rd Annual Spring Zing Gala.** 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, March 10. Maravela's, 4 S. Washington St. Tickets are \$50 per person, \$350 for table of eight, and include dinner, open bar, dancing and a live/silent auction. For tickets or donations, call Susan at (847) 997-1592.
- **Leukemia-Lymphoma Society fundraiser.** 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, March 10. American Legion Hall, Post 703, Rt. 12. \$2 donation requested; children under 15 are free. Live music, DJ, raffles, cash bar, and food and drink for sale. For more information, call Rob Robinson at (847) 973-1637 or (224) 627-3768.
- **"Build Your Own Spuds and Salads" fundraiser.** 4-6 p.m., Sunday, March 11. Evangelical Lutheran Church of All Saints, 5800 State Park Rd. Tickets are \$5 and available at the church through March 4. Proceeds to toward Christian education events for youth. For more information, call (847) 587-7727.

GRAYSLAKE

- **"Blooming and Evergreen**

Ground Covers" class. 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 6. Lake County U of I Extension Office, 100 S. Rt. 45. Learn the how, where, and what of selecting ground covers. The program is free, but advance registration is required. To register, call (847) 223-8627 or visit lake.extension.uiuc.edu.

- **"Cherish the Ladies" concert.** 8 p.m., Saturday, March 10. College of Lake County, James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts, 19351 W. Washington St. Traditional Irish music and dance in time for St. Patrick's Day. Tickets are \$26-\$36 for the general public and \$16 for CLC students. They are available at the CLC Box Office, by calling (847) 543-2300 or by visiting www.clcillinois.edu/tickets.
- **CLC Wind Ensemble concert.** 4 p.m., Sunday, March 11. College of Lake County, James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts, Mainstage Theatre, 19351 W. Washington St. Tickets are \$5 for the general public and \$4 for CLC students, alumni and seniors, and are available at the CLC Box Office, by phone at (847) 543-2300 or online at www.clcillinois.edu/tickets.

- **Zurko's Antique Market.** 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday, March 11. Lake County Fairgrounds, Rts. 120 and 45. For more information, call (715) 526-9769 or visit www.zurkopromotions.com.

GURNEE

- **Network Lake County meeting.** 8-9 a.m., Thursdays. A business networking group meeting in Gurnee. Call Boyce Buckner at (847) 838-0058 to learn more.
- **Lake County Chamber of Commerce networkers group meeting.** 7:30 a.m., first and third Fridays. In-Laws Restaurant, 720 N. Milwaukee Ave. Call (847) 249-3800 for information.
- **Daniel Wright Toastmasters Club meeting.** 7-9 p.m., first and third Tuesdays. In-Laws Restaurant, 720 Milwaukee Ave. Members meet to develop communication and leadership skills. For more information, call Sam Valenti at (847) 722-2828, or visit <http://danielwright.free-toasthost.org>.
- **Lake County Camera Club meeting.** 6:30 p.m., peer-to-peer discussion and socializing; 7:30 p.m., meeting, first Fridays. Warren Township Center, east crafts room, in park on southwest corner of Almond and Washington. All skill levels; digital and film, welcome. Call Mike Ament at (847) 356-6937 (noon-6 p.m.) to learn more.
- **Lake County Spinner's Guild meeting.** 1:30-4 p.m., second Sundays. Warren-Newport Public Library. Enjoy the art of fiber spinning and meet fellow spinners. Call Carol at (847) 234-0778 or Chris at (847) 367-2536 to learn more.

HAINESVILLE

- **Hainesville Great Age Club.** Varied times, first Tuesdays. Hainesville Village Hall. The group is for Hainesville residents, age 62 and older. For more information, call the village hall at (847) 223-2032.

INGLESIDE

- **Grant Township Board meeting.** 7 p.m., first and third Tuesdays. Administration Center, 26725 W. Molitor Rd. Call (847) 740-2233 to learn more.
- **Grant Hall Museum.** 1-4 p.m., Sundays. Fox Lake-Grant Township Area Historical Society, 411 Washington St. Admission free, donations accepted. For information, call (847) 587-0544 or mail P.O. Box 224, Ingleside, IL 60041.

LAKE FOREST

- **Dramatic presentation of Daniel H. Burnham.** 4-7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 3. Lake Forest Club, 554 N. Westmoreland Rd. Robert Lindsey portrays the architect of the "White City" as from the novel "The Devil in the White City." Presented by I-PLUS. Tickets are \$50 and include an open bar and light buffet. For more information, call Dawn at (847) 234-9509.

LAKE VILLA

- **Tony Burroughs presentation, "Creating Order Out of Chaos."** 2 p.m., Sunday, March 11. Lake Villa District Library, 1001 E. Grand Ave. This program focuses on how to organize family history documents. Burroughs contributed to "Finding Oprah's Roots." For more information, call (847) 356-7711.
- **Lake Villa Plan Commission meeting.** 7:30 p.m., first Wednesdays.
- **Weigh to Win meeting.** 7-8 p.m., Tuesdays. Calvary Christian Center, Monaville Rd. Call (847) 356-6181 to learn more.
- **Lake Villa Take Off Pounds Sensibly meeting.** 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays. Church of the Holy Family, 25291 W. Lehman. Call Cathy at (847) 587-7710 or Debbie at (847) 687-5531 for details.
- **MOMS Club of Lake Villa/Lindenhurst meeting.** 9:30 a.m., Mondays. Lake Villa District Library, 1001 Grand Ave. Children welcome. For more information, call Erin Bearss at (847) 546-1545.

LIBERTYVILLE

- **Spring Arts & Crafts Show.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, March 10-11. Libertyville Sports Complex, corner of Rt. 45 and Peterson Rd. For more information, contact the GLMV Chamber of Commerce at (847) 680-0750 or visit www.glmvchamber.org.

LINDENHURST

- **Lindenhurst Planning Commission meeting.** 7 p.m., first and third Wednesdays. Village Hall Board Room, 2301 E. Sand Lake Rd. Call (847) 356-8252 to learn more.
- **Free blood pressure screening.** 8 a.m.-noon, Mondays. Victory Lakes Continued Care Center. Call (847) 356-5900 to learn more.

McHENRY

- **McMOMS-McHenry County Mothers of Multiples meeting.** 7 p.m., second Thursdays. Nippersink District Library. All mothers or expectant mothers of multiples are welcome. Call Georgie at (815) 759-0760 for more information.

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ROUND LAKE

- **Free Blood Pressure Testing.** 10:30 a.m.-noon, first Wednesdays. For seniors at the Round Lake Community Center.
- **Big Brothers, Big Sisters meeting.** 6:30-8 p.m., Mondays. Calvary Presbyterian Church, 510 Cedar Lake Rd. Call (847) 360-0770 for information.

ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS

- **Round Lake Area Community Band rehearsal.** 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays. Indian Hill School, 1920 N. Lotus Dr. New musicians and all instruments are always welcome. Call Christi at (847) 546-8558, ext. 422, to learn more.

ROUND LAKE PARK

- **American Legion Post 1170 meeting.** 7 p.m., second Thursdays. 111 Main St. Open to public, new members are always welcome. Call the post at (847) 546-3512 for more information.

SPRING GROVE

- **Spring Grove Village Board meeting.** 6 p.m., first and third Tuesdays. Council Chambers at the Municipal Centre, 7401 Meyer Rd. For more information, call (815) 675-2121.

• *To submit an item to the Calendar, e-mail to wjcalendar@weeklyjournals.com, phone (847) 223-8161 or fax (847) 223-8810 at least 14 days before the event.*

Lindenhurst hospital plan gets more support

LAKE COUNTY JOURNALS

NORTH CHICAGO — Residents of Lindenhurst, Lake Villa, Antioch, and other municipalities have shown support for Vista's plans to build a hospital in Lindenhurst.

But now approval has come from a neighbor a little farther away.

North Chicago's city council recently passed a resolution formally supporting plans to build a 140-bed hospital off Grand Avenue in Lindenhurst. The motion also supported Vista's pledged \$70 million investments in its two Waukegan campuses.

"Vista has been a good neighbor to the north and a faithful provider of health care services for our residents for more than 100 years," North Chicago Mayor Leon Rockingham Jr. in a press release. "That is why the city council has supported Vista's investments in Lake County."

Vista Health System filed a

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letter of intent to the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board to build a 215,000 square foot medical center in Lindenhurst. The \$99.8 million facility would house full radiology services and a modern emergency room, among other features.

Vista also plans to develop an open heart surgery program at Vista Medical Center East in Waukegan, and expand behavioral health services and inpatient rehabilitation at Vista West.

Resident gets snowed in

By TARA CLIFTON
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ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP — Parking in a freshly plowed lot can sometimes be a problem. Many motorists find a short wall of snow packed up against the rear tires, making it difficult to back out of a space.

Lawrence Kramer has had the same problem lately. Except his wall of snow usually winds up in a parking space near his driveway.

Living at the end of Lake Shore Drive off Route 83, Kramer said that a three-foot pile of snow at the end of his driveway and parking space prohibits him from pulling out, and he often has to shovel himself out.

Kramer blames Antioch Township Highway Department snow plows, which he said push the snow haphazardly, and often let it sit in driveways.

"We're getting tired of every year calling them about this," he said.

Kramer said he has phoned Antioch Township Road Commissioner Mark Ring



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Lawrence Kramer shovels the sidewalk of his home, on Loon Lake in the Loon Lake Subdivision. Antioch Township Public Works have now started plowing snow from the street and pushing it into the lake after Kramer complained about his driveway being blocked by the snow.

repeatedly.

Ring said he has visited Kramer's seasonal home repeatedly during the past several years, and each time finds a driveway that hasn't been shoveled.

When a Journals photographer visited Kramer, there was no pile at the end of his driveway.

In fact, piles in neighbors' driveways were much higher.

Ring said the true problem is that Kramer wants to park along the road, but plows have to clear the road, pushing snow to its end.

"He has options," Ring said. "There's not a lot we can do."

Kramer just needs to shovel his driveway, Ring said.

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Building toward a brighter future

YouthBuild receives financial boost to continue efforts

By MATT PERA
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NORTH CHICAGO - The vacant house that formerly stood at 1816 Park Ave., was not in any shape to for a family to call home. North Chicago Mayor Leon Rockingham recalled the day that ropes were fastened to the structure and city trucks pulled the whole thing down.

The land was then donated by the city to YouthBuild, a nonprofit organization for youth age 16 to 25 who dropped out of high school.

The program provides job training; life skills and education for its students while helping them earn their GED and identify goals for the future.

Members of YouthBuild receive hands-on training by building affordable housing in the area.

A two-story home now standing on the property at 1816 Park Ave. is one of its current projects, and is slated to be completed at the beginning of the summer.

"It was created by kids that are dedicated and sincere about what they're here to do with their education and their training," Rockingham said as he stood outside the home with YouthBuild students and facilitators, along with a handful of elected officials on Feb. 21.

The gathering took place to recognize two donations for YouthBuild.

U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk, R-Highland Park, secured \$700,000 from the U.S. Department of

Housing and Urban Development.

Laurel Tustison, YouthBuild executive director, said those funds would represent 80 percent of the organization's budget for 2007.

W.W. Grainger Inc., a Lake County-based international supplier of maintenance products, also was at the event to present a \$5,000 donation, along with tools and other construction supplies, to YouthBuild.

Kirk said YouthBuild's programs, which are geared toward helping kids develop new job skills and earn their high school diploma, made it one of the most valuable programs in the 10th Congressional district.

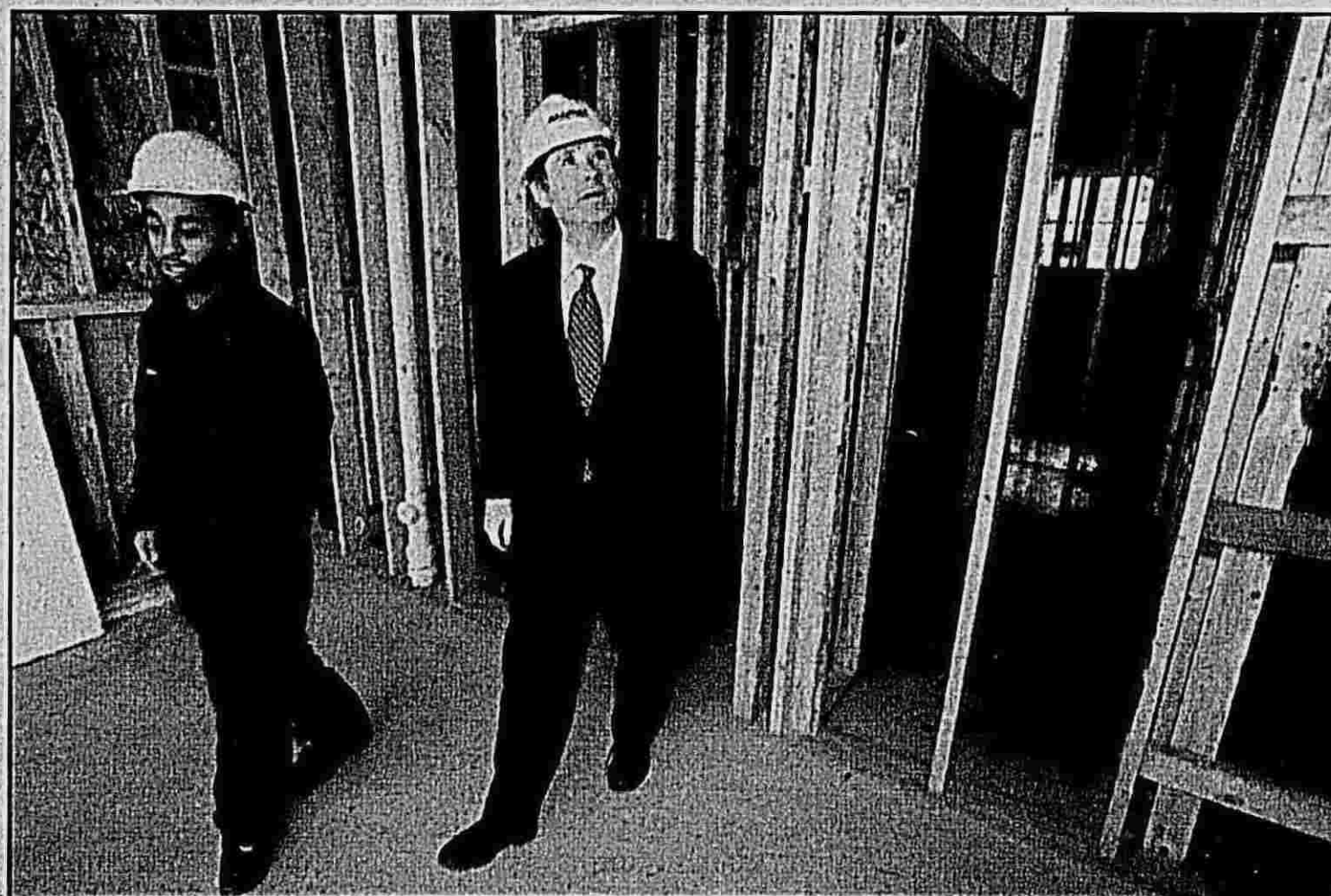
"That makes all the difference for this community," he said.

Octavia Matthews, regional vice president of Grainger, said her company became involved with YouthBuild this year for the same reasons.

"When you look at what their focusing on with these young people - building life skills and ... getting real skills they can use in the work environment ... It's really investing in the young folks and the youth for a brighter future," she said.

Stephanie Rojas, 22, has been a part of the YouthBuild program since August. She said she was close to completing requirements for her GED and had come to see her fellow members of YouthBuild as a family.

"I really love this program



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U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk, R-Highland Park, and Alantae Cole, 17, who is a participant of YouthBuild Lake County, tour a home being built by YouthBuild. The home is located at 1816 Park Ave., in North Chicago. Kirk was at the home to present a \$700,000 Department of Housing and Urban Development grant.

and, to me, YouthBuild is like a second home to me, as well as a Safe Haven," she said. "When I come to YouthBuild, any problems that I might have at home seem to disappear."

Ed Polen, chairman of YouthBuild, said the progress on the house at 1816 Park Ave., along with development of the students in the program exemplified why the program is so effective.

"It just goes to show what hard work will do for you," he said. "If you persevere and if you believe in what you're doing, then you can do anything and I think that this YouthBuild group here is a group of people who really believe in that."



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U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk, R-Highland Park, (second from left) presents a \$700,000 Department of Housing and Urban Development grant to members of YouthBuild Lake County on the site of a home they are building in North Chicago. YouthBuild Chairman Ed Polen is pictured on the far left.

Wauconda backs Advocate plan for hospital

By STEVE PETERSON
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WAUCONDA - Towns near the Round Lake site where Advocate Health Care would build a hospital are lining up to support the plan.

Wauconda Village Board voted unanimously to approve a resolution backing a 144-bed hospital at Route 120 and Wilson Road.

The hospital would be at the southwest corner of that intersection. The hospital is designed to include a Level II

trauma center, providing immediate access to emergency services for seriously injured patients 24 hours a day.

The village boards of Volo and Fox Lake also were expected to consider support for Advocate's plan at their meetings this month.

Fox Lake Fire Protection District Board members have also approved a resolution of support.

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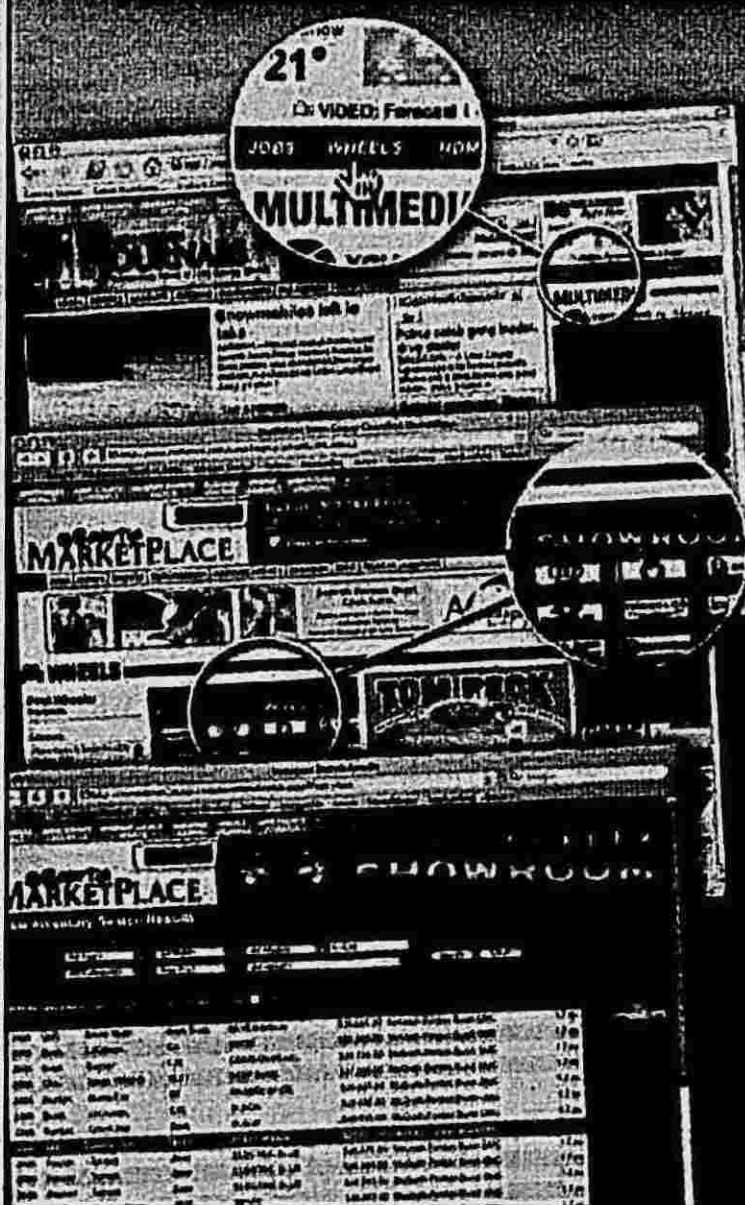
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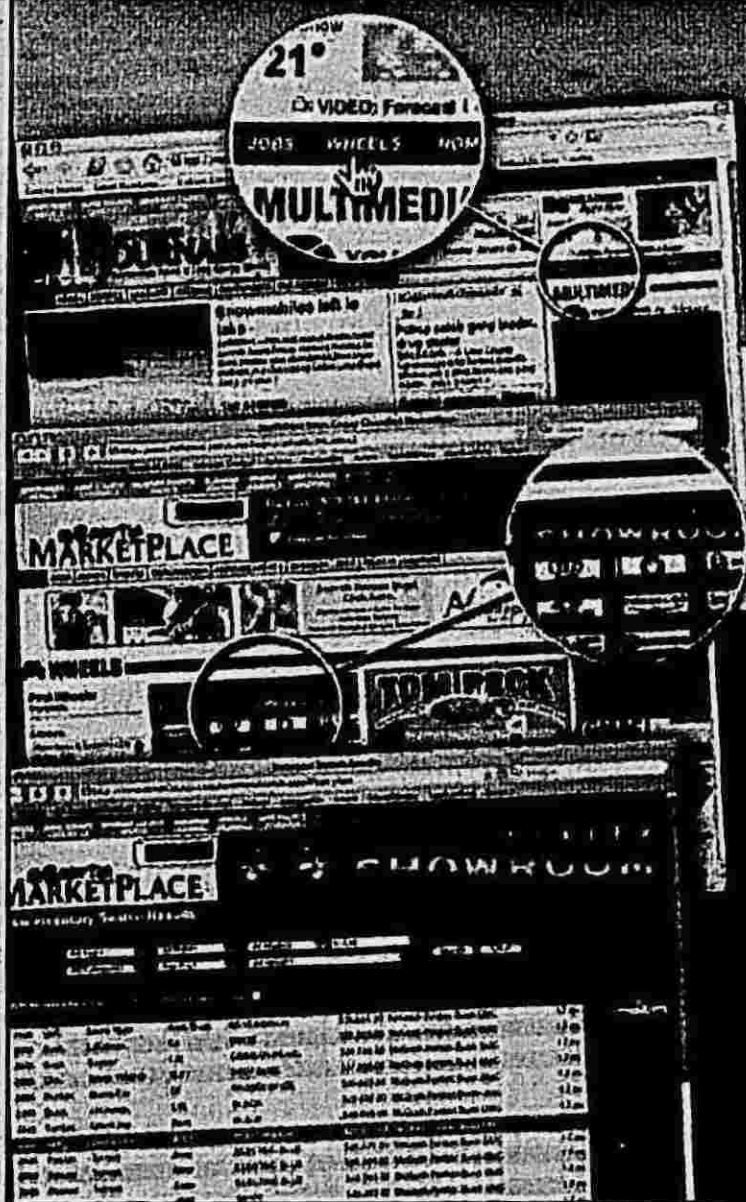
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Our View

School funding needs total fix

A new proposal to fund education in Illinois would shortchange Lake County.

House Bill 750 would increase the state income tax to allow for a decrease in property taxes. The plan also would impose a sales tax on services such as hair cuts and lawn care.

This is not the first such tax swap plan to be proposed. And like the others, it has all the earmarks of a shell game.

The biggest problem with such proposals always has been that they do not provide enough property tax relief.

The result is that areas with higher incomes, such as Lake County, end up paying more in taxes.

Tax swap supporters continue to ignore the fact that addressing revenue is only one part of the needed solution. The other is dealing with a huge spending problem in education.

Any tax swap plan that ignores the gross inefficiencies in Illinois public education should be a nonstarter.

One change that should be considered involves county-

wide school districts.

Illinois is littered with tiny school districts that employ entire administrations to oversee paltry enrollments for one or two schools.

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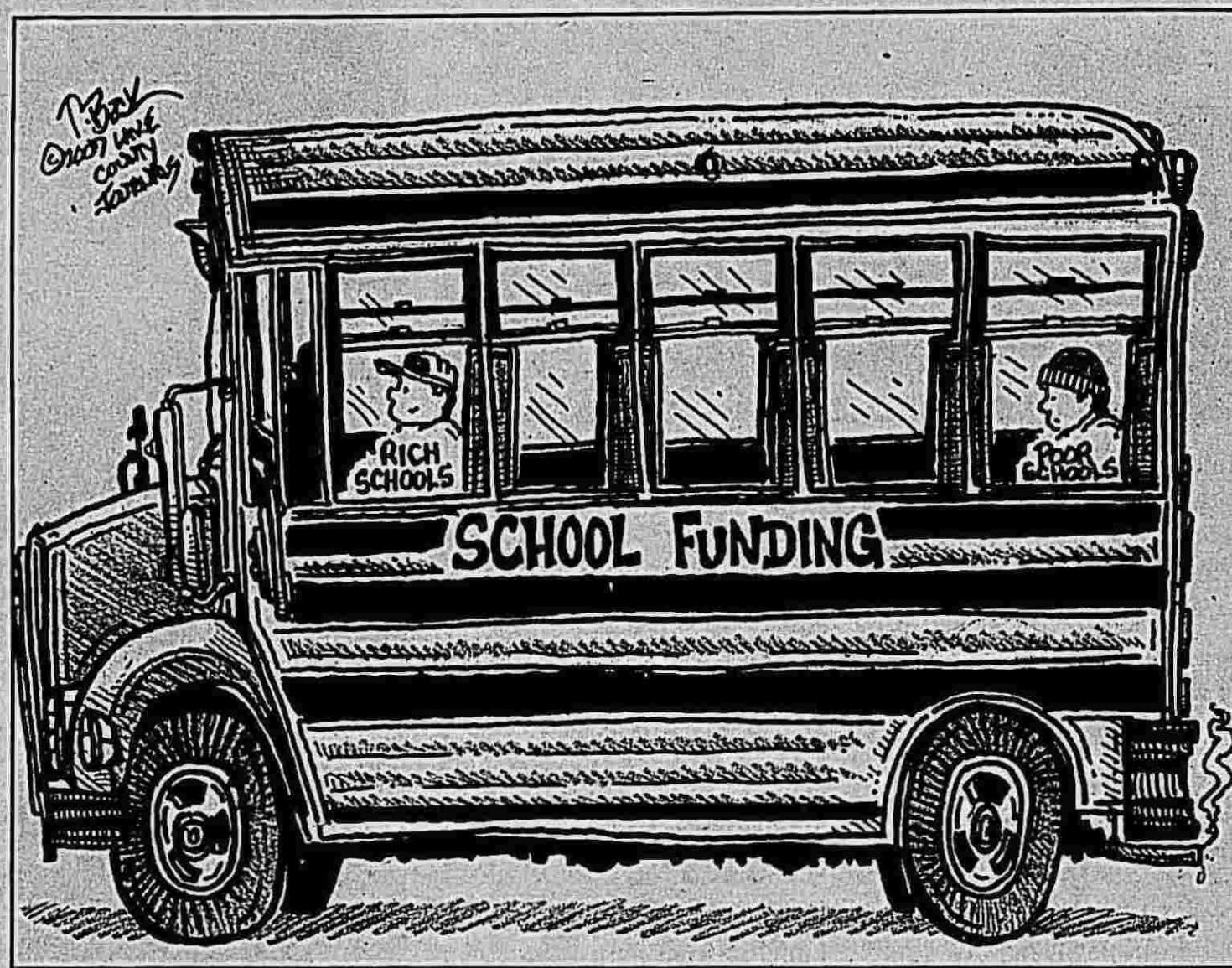
Some school districts depend on property taxes for as much as 90 percent of their funding.

But any talk of reform must be all inclusive.

The goal cannot simply be to boost revenue for schools at the expense of taxpayers without taking a long, hard look at how schools are run and how existing tax dollars are spent.

The elimination of wasteful spending must be part of the discussion.

Unfortunately, we keep getting these tax swap plans that simply try to collect more tax money and soak suburban taxpayers for the benefit of Chicago.



Seeing it Through

Teachers are foundation of the future

At this time of the year, we hear the usual refrain that the legislature is not doing enough to fund education.

We can always do better because our future depends so much on quality education of our youths.

Some people argue that no matter how much money is spent on education, positive results don't match the increase in spending.

Why is it then that the suburban school districts, which are able to spend more local funds toward education, receive the highest results in education performance?

I get tired of those who say that teachers are overpaid. I tire, too, of those who make teachers the punching bags in the debate about the quality education. How many times have you heard that teachers are the sole cause of school strikes?

The truth is that teachers loathe going on strike; it is the last resort to settle a collective bargaining impasse.

How many times have you heard that teacher tenure is a

lifetime guaranteed employment act for teachers? Teacher tenure means that a teacher, after serving a probationary period, cannot be fired except for cause established through due process.

Very few tenured teachers are fired,

which leads critics to argue that tenure protects poor teachers.

What they never admit to is the high percentage of turnover among teachers early in their careers.

Some learn that they can't hack it. Others leave on their own when they find they can earn so much more in other professions that carry less stress.

Effective school administrators are quick to find weaknesses among young teachers and work to improve them. If

that fails, they work with them to find other positions of employment. Why punish people by putting a fired label on the résumés when they have the talent to excel in other fields?

Teaching is work – hard work. I found that out years ago when I was asked by a teacher and friend of mine to fill in for him at a high school. After that day's work, I was beat out, stressed out, and had a greater appreciation for all that teachers endure.

I also learned first-hand about teachers' loyalty to their professions. Two of my sisters totaled more than 75 years as teachers, and I don't know how many of their students that I met in later years who thanked me for their public service.

One day, I asked my sister Mary how much she earned when she was hired as a teacher in 1940. It was \$1,000 a year; that's a year, not a month.

Teachers have been professionals in the truest sense of the word.



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Correction

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When pressed by audience member Richard Hartman, Russell said, "I take responsibility for this."

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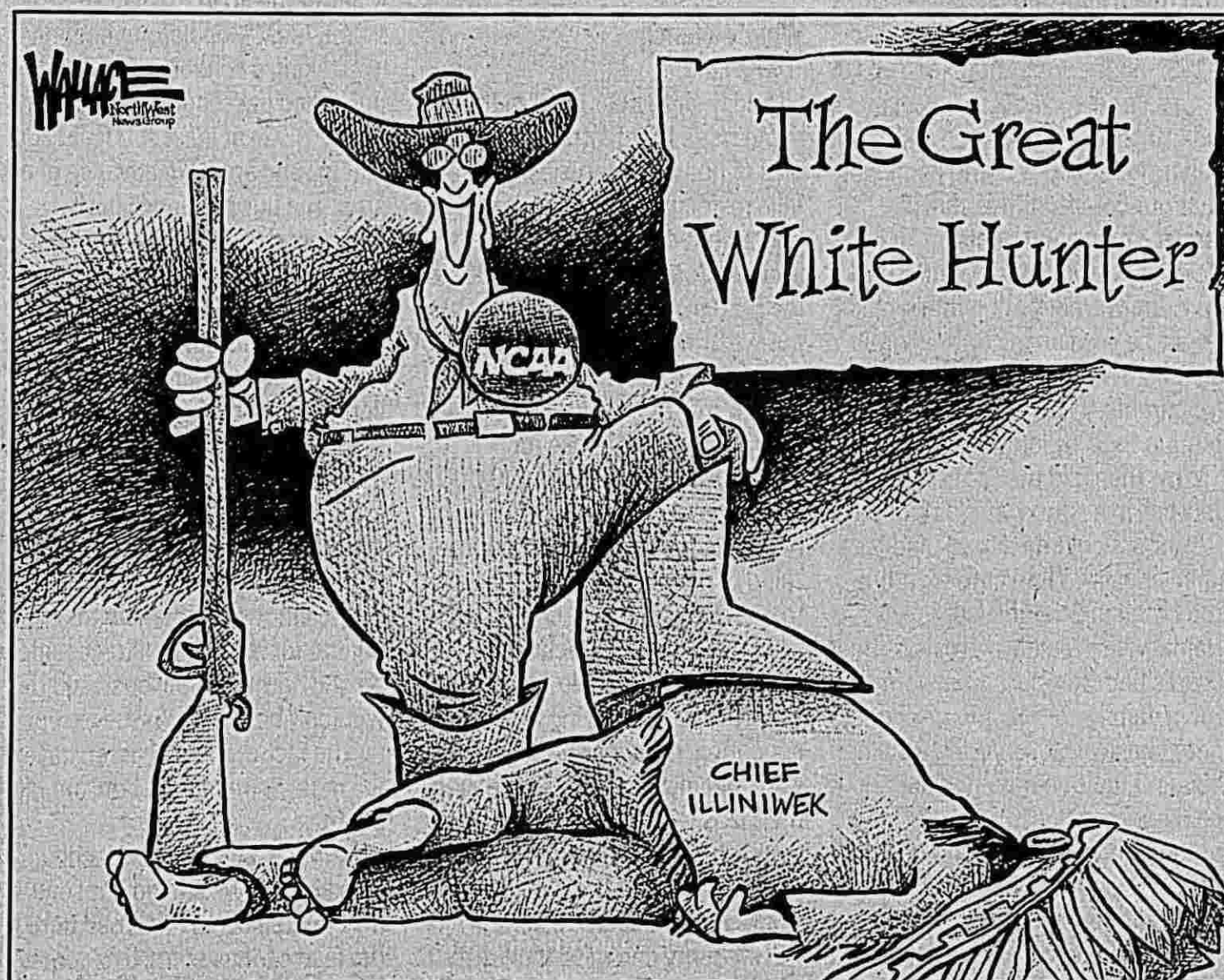
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Chris Miller, of the planning firm Ralph Campbell and Associates, had suggested three plans.

The preferred plan would move the Lake County Forest Preserve's Millennium Trail around a future water treatment facility.

The site for the water tower and future Volo Village Hall is near future Symphony Meadows and Autumn Grove subdivisions off Fish Lake Road and south of Route 120.

The Lake County Forest Preserve's Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee could discuss the matter at its March 8



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Advocacy group re-elects Schmidt

Lake County Board Chairman Suzi Schmidt has been re-elected to a second term as President of Metro Counties of Illinois, a lobbying organization that supports and conducts educational and legislative activities promoting common interests of Illinois county governments.

The Metro Counties organization county members are Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Lake, Will, Kane, Kendall, Madison, McHenry, McLean, St. Clair, Tazewell and Winnebago.

More than 80 percent of the state's population is represented by the organization.

Schmidt was first elected president of the group in 2005 by a

vote of the chief elected officials from the counties that comprise the group's membership.

"The re-election of Schmidt to serve as president of Metro Counties is a vote of confidence in her leadership capabilities," Robert Schillerstrom, DuPage County Board chairman, said in a statement. "Her peers in county government in the Metro Counties organization are confident she will continue to lead us with vision and determination."

Schmidt voiced her support for the organization after being re-elected.

"Metro Counties is an important voice for the larger Illinois county governments on the state and federal level," she said. "I'm excited that through the presidency of Metro Counties, Lake

County will continue to have a strong voice in the decision making of state and federal legislators."

Judges panel selected

Cynthia Y. Cobbs, director of the administrative office of the Illinois courts, announced that the 19th Judicial Circuit judges had chosen David P. Brodsky, Thomas M. Schippers and Daniel B. Shanes as associate judges for the 19th Judicial Circuit.

Brodsky received his undergraduate degree in 1982 from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Mich., and his law degree in 1985 from Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago. He is affiliated with the Lake County public defenders office in Waukegan.

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State Rep. Kathy Ryg, D-Vernon Hills, announced her district office in Vernon Hills will be a drop-off center for the "Reuse-A-Shoe" recycling program in celebration of Earth Day on April 22.

Used athletic shoes are collected and sent to a Nike facility, where they will be ground up and recycled as gym floors, running tracks, and safe playground surfaces. Last year, more than 30 groups collected more than 13,000 shoes in Lake County. The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County and Waste Management Recycle America are co-sponsors of the program in Lake County.

Shoes may taken to Ryg's district office, 50 Lakeview Parkway, Suite 114, in Vernon Hills until Friday, April 20. Business hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. All brands of clean, dry athletic shoes, except those with cleats or spikes, will be accepted. Remove zippers and metal eyelets before dropping the shoes off.

Other organizations interested in serving as a drop-off point should call Merleanne Rampale at SWALCO, (847) 336-9340.

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To the editor:

Residents in western Lake County have long needed access to a hospital that will provide quality care. As your local County Board Commissioner, the lack of health care in our area has been a major concern for me, as well as you. We see the population explosion in our communities and recognize more is on the way. We appreciate the need to arrive at a hospital in a safe reasonable time.

I want to express my enthusiastic support for Advocate Health Care's plan to construct a new, 144-bed acute care hospital at the intersection of Route 120 and Wilson Road. This proposal for a state-of-the-art hospital directly responds to our community's critical need for increased access to health care in northwest Lake County.

There are other hospitals that are interested in serving our needs. But it's not just enough to say, "I support the hospital closest to me." A much better approach is to focus on the need for high-quality health care and evaluate who can provide it.

Advocate Health Care can, and has already, brought quality care to Lake County residents through two of their existing hospitals: Good Shepherd and Lutheran General. They are ranked among the nation's top integrated health care systems in the country, are a leader in providing emergency care through level I and level II trauma centers, have a reputation as a provider of high-quality care and are fiscally sound. They are leaders in patient care and are well known for their exceptional child care at Lutheran General. They have one of the most successful open-heart surgery services in the region at

Good Shepherd Hospital and are recognized by Healthgrades as having the highest quality cardiac surgery program in Illinois.

We must support the hospital that brings with it an outstanding reputation, service quality and achievement. We must take an active part to bring those services closer to our homes by participating in the process during the future public hearing.

Bonnie Thomson Carter

Lake County Board, District 5

Too much information

To the Editor:

"Sex-abuse arrest puts focus on Web safety" (Grayslake Journal, Feb. 16, 2007) gave parents a sobering reminder of the dangers that our communities' children face from online predators. The article offered valuable resources for spotting warning signs that a child might be coming in contact with an unknown adult online and ways for parents to stay vigilant in protecting their children.

Why, then, did the Grayslake Journal, five pages later, print in the Neighbors column a road map for a child abuser to find cute-as-a-button Meghan Strawniak of Hainesville? You have provided this child's photograph, name, hometown, family composition, school, pets - basically everything a child abuser might need to find her and gain her confidence - certainly far more than would be found in the occasional photograph and caption of a child in a school or community-related activity.

I can understand how a proud, loving parent - thinking only of pasting such a wonderful memento into a scrap book - might sign a release without considering the

frightening risk that this might put their child into, but doesn't media also have an obligation to stay vigilant in protecting children?

We in Lake County like to think that we live in safe communities, but the case of sexual predator Michael Macalindong reminds us that we do not. I hope that Grayslake Journal and NorthWest News Group might in the future consider its place in helping us all protect children like Meghan.

David Scott

Grayslake

What's a family

To the Editor:

I find it quite ironic that in the same issue that features the struggles of homeless families, a Lake Villa resident is quoted as saying, "I don't want condos across from our house, I don't want homes that go for \$150,000. What kind of people are we bringing in? It's not a family atmosphere to me."

What makes a family? Someone who can afford a house for \$155,000? \$200,000? \$400,000? Where do we draw the line between acceptable people and the "kind of people" Ms. Lane objects to so strongly?

Let's define this special, threatening category of people. What are their faults? Not having a college education, perhaps? Bad luck? Dark skin? Deciding to spend time with their kids rather than letting them languish while they work double-time in pursuit of the almighty new, single-family suburban home?

Our county can raise money for Africa, as Libertyville High School is so ably doing. We can also pool our resources to help the many homeless men, women, and children in our backyard. But until we are will-

ing to lay down our prejudices and comfort to accept those that might not fit into our ideal "atmosphere," we will have accomplished very little indeed.

Tania Runyan

Lindenhurst

Safety reminder

To the Editor:

It seems to me that a reminder is in order regarding what to do when driving a car and a school bus is stopped in the opposite lane. Here is a quick refresher from the Illinois Rules of the Road:

"You must stop before meeting or overtaking a school bus loading or unloading passengers. A warning will be given at least 100 feet (200 feet in rural areas) in advance of a stop. The bus driver will flash amber and red lights on the front and rear of the bus. The stop signal arm will be extended after the school bus has come to a complete stop. You must then come to a complete stop. You must remain stopped until the stop signal arm is no longer extended and the flashing lights are turned off or the driver signals you to pass."

Are people's lives so busy that they cannot stop their car for one minute for my children to get safely on and off the school bus? And this wouldn't be such an issue except for the fact that my children have to cross the road to get on and off the bus.

Every day I watch approaching cars like a hawk and do not send my children across the road until the lead car has come to a complete stop. And there are some drivers who don't even stop, yet keep creeping forward slowly so that they can keep moving and not waste a minute of their time.

I guess there's nothing more to say or do because my children have countless school days ahead of them. Please feel free to share this information with family, friends, and co-workers.

Bonnie DeBoer

Wauconda

From the family of Alex Richardson

To the Editor:

Our family has been devastated by the tragic snowmobile accident that took our precious son and brother, Alex.

We are in awe of the number of friends, family, teachers and community members who honored Alex and our family by attending Alex's services. We would like to thank everyone in the community for their support, thoughts, prayers, kind words, flowers, food and their donations to GCHS Athletic Boosters in Alex's name during this extraordinarily painful time.

We are so unbelievably touched by the outpouring of love and support that we have received from the community. Never will we be able to express our gratitude for all that everyone has done for us during this very difficult time. Thank you all for sharing with us how Alex touched your lives.

We have always been proud of Alex, but we are even more proud of him after learning how he had helped and loved others. We are comforted by the knowledge that Alex had so many people who cared for him, yet we are even more comforted in knowing that Alex will forever live in your and our hearts.

Pat, Carol & Patrick II Richardson

Grayslake

Tenure policy protects veteran teachers from budget influence

• MATIJEVICH

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That made it even more difficult to elevate to higher salaries and employment rights. They thought that it was beneath their profession to join unions. It was only when they realized that, unlike other public employee professionals, they had no right to binding arbitration. They also realized their pay scales stayed at rock bottom.

When teacher salaries became de-

cent, along came misconceptions about teacher tenure. It was easy to blame teachers for everything.

Teachers need to be protected, not maligned.

Teacher tenure, rather than a means to protect incompetent teachers, can be protection for competent teachers. Otherwise, they would be at the mercy of school boards or administrators who might like to fire older, experienced teachers so they could hire new, younger teachers at less cost. Shouldn't teachers, like other professionals and workers, be

exalted for their experience, rather than punished by early retirement schemes?

A school administrator once confessed to me that he thought he was doing the right thing by hiring newer teachers instead of retaining the experienced ones. It was a budget decision.

He said to me: "I wish that I had some of those older teachers back; they learned to teach by experience, and you can't beat that."

Every day of our life, through life's experiences, we learn something. We owe a debt of gratitude to teachers

whom teach our children, not just scholastically, but with life and living. Rather than placing so much emphasis on standardized testing, let's give credit to teachers who lead their students to become better people.

Instead of berating teachers, let's give them the latitude to become real teachers. Above all, let's give them the protection to do their job. They are the bulwark of our future.

John S. Matijevich writes a weekly column for the Lake County Journals.

LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT/ COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

Health Department offers Caregiver Support Group

The Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center offers a free, ongoing support group for caregivers. To qualify for this group, you must regularly care for or about a person who is 60 and older. This group is also for persons 60 or older who are raising a grandchild. The support group meets every Wednesday. It is held from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Warren Township Senior Center, 17801 W. Washington Street, in Gurnee.

Caregivers often feel stress as they help others who are unable to manage on their own. The meetings help participants create more balance in their lives. The meetings provide support, information on resources available and fellowship. At each meeting there is time for group discussions in which participants share issues, experiences and suggestions on what may or may not work in a certain situation. The support group meetings are free. For more information, please call the Lake County Health Department at 847-377-8310.

Low cost health care programs available

The Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center offers several programs to pregnant women, mothers and children who live in Lake County. Fees for services are assessed based on the services needed, with adjustments made depending on the individual or family income. Third party billing for Medicaid or Medicare is available. No one is denied services due to inability to pay.

The Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) provides nutrition education and supplemental foods to mothers and their children under the age of 5. For appointment, call 847-377-8420.

Making your surgery safer

It's enough to scare you away from any hospital. News on every network and in major newspapers report frightening statistics on hospital acquired infections. According to an Institute of Medicine report, more than 90,000 Americans actually die each year due to an infection they acquired while in the hospital. A large percentage of those infections are related to surgeries - surgery sometimes as common as a tonsillectomy.

There is good news. There is plenty that you, as a patient, can do to protect yourself and healthcare, government, and patient advocacy organizations are banning together to help you learn what to do. One such group, the Surgical Care Improvement Project (SCIP), has set a goal to reduce surgical complications by 25 percent by 2010. SCIP also announced a national consumer education campaign at a Washington, D.C. press conference this year.

"Ultimately healthcare is an active collaborative partnership with an essential part for all of us to play. We appreciate the goals set by SCIP, and are proud to join the effort to build a better healthcare system to provide better healing for our patients, our loved ones and our country," U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt said at the event.

Major advocacy groups such as AARP and even medical manufacturers were on hand pledging their assistance. Medline Industries Inc., a privately held manufacturer and distributor of medical supplies was at the announcement.

"This is so important to not only our industry, but to our families. We've made an enormous investment including not only awareness and education but in research, development and distribution of medical products that we are confident will help make surgery safer," said Medline President Andy Mills.

Medline recently received FDA clearance on one such product called RF-Detect. RF-Detect, a patented detection system, will accurately alert the user when RF-tagged surgical

disposables remain in the patient before closing procedures. Retained surgical sponges, a leading safety concerns in operating rooms today, is one surgical complication that can and should be eliminated.

According to a study in the New England Journal of Medicine, retained surgical sponges occur at an estimated rate of 1 of every 1000 to 1,500 intra-abdominal operations. This type of incident can lead to serious complications including infection and even death.

Until RF-Detect, counting was the only mechanism for preventing sponges from being left in patients. The counting system is time consuming, subject to human error and exposes staff to potentially hazardous material. Studies have shown that in more than 80 percent of surgeries with a retained foreign body, the count had been recorded as correct. The RF system provides an additional layer of safety for patients undergoing surgical procedures.

"The need for systems and advanced products to improve these statistics is important to everyone involved - the patient, physician, hospital and insurance companies," said Mills.

What you can do to make surgery safer

Talk to your surgical team.

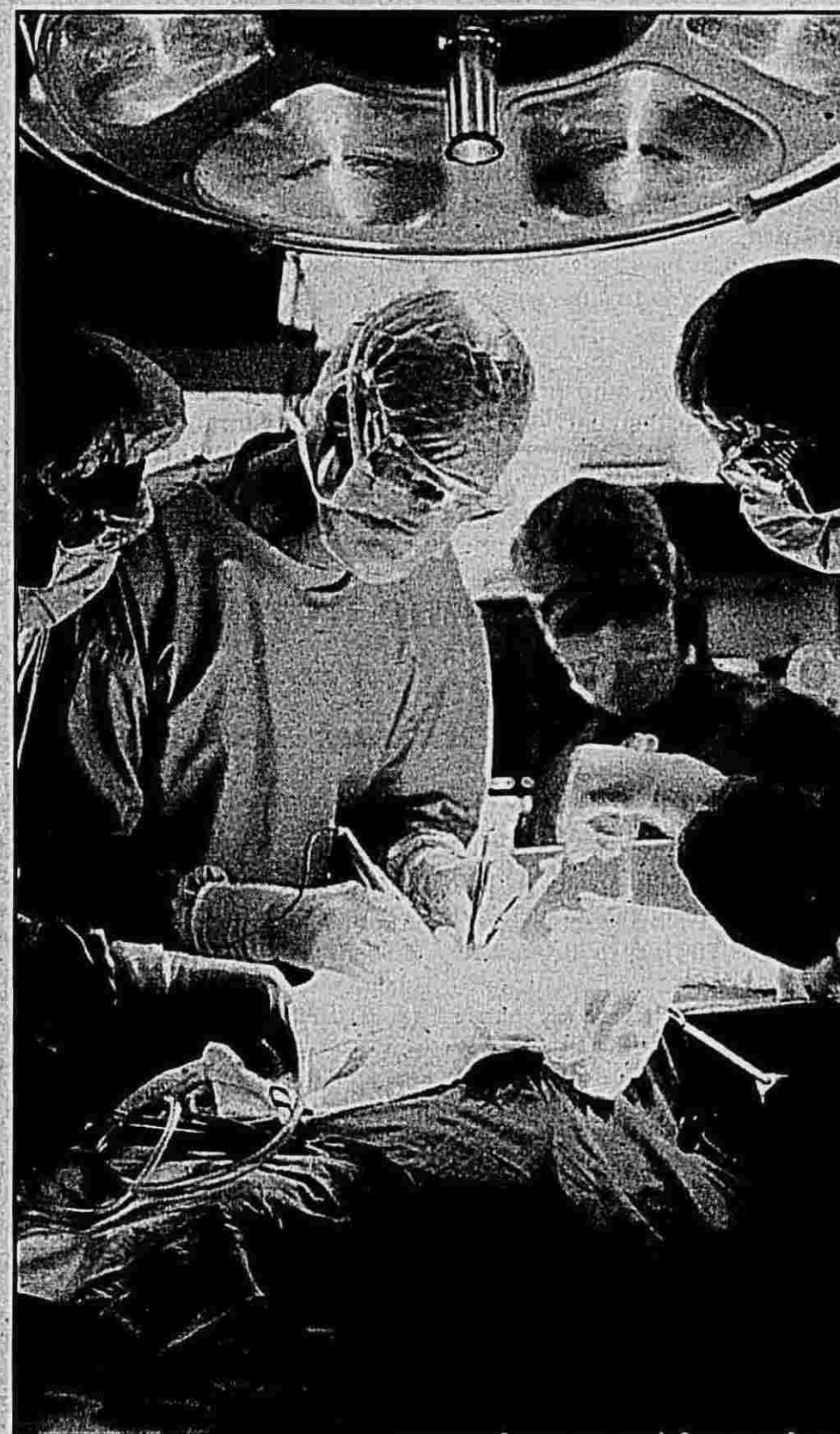
You can help lower your risk for problems from your surgery by talking with a member of your surgical care team before surgery about the type of care you should receive. Your care team includes your surgeon, your anesthesiologist and your nurses. Ask your doctor who you should discuss these questions with before surgery.

Ask the following questions:

To avoid infection -

If I need antibiotics before surgery, when will I receive the antibiotic and for how long?

Antibiotics should be given within 60 minutes before surgery and should be stopped within 24 hours in most cases. Given properly, antibiotics can greatly lower your chances of getting an infection.



There is plenty that you, as a patient, can do to protect yourself before surgery.

If hair needs to be removed from the part of my body that is having surgery, what will you use?

Clippers should be used to remove hair at the site of your surgery. Using a razor before surgery can cause infections because of the risk of leaving small cuts on the skin.

To avoid blood clots - What will you do to prevent blood clots?

Blood clots can lead to heart attacks and strokes. During surgery, you are at risk of getting blood clots because you do not move. The more complicated

your surgery, the higher your risk. Talk to your doctor about your risk for blood clots and steps that will help prevent them, such as giving you the right medicine before surgery.

To avoid heart attacks ask - If I take medicine for heart disease, should I keep taking it?

Taking certain medicines together can cause problems. Tell your doctor about all the medicines you are taking, including over-the-counter things like aspirin and herbal remedies. Your doctor will tell you which medicines you should and should not be taking before surgery.

Wauconda sees need for hospital in west

• HOSPITAL

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Vista Health has a competing plan to build a hospital in Lindenhurst.

"It is important that local units of government support the plan and help Advocate in the process with the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board," Carter said. "The planning board is the best body to decide this, not the Legislature. One-third of the county residents do not have reasonable and timely access to emergency health care."

Carter said that the County Board had favored a hospital in the growing western part of the county since 2004. Most Lake

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Bonnie Thomson Carter
Lake County Board member

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County hospitals are in eastern Lake County.

According to the Wauconda resolution: "Advocate Health Care has been recognized as providing outstanding clinical care. [It] is consistently identi-

fied as one of the top health care systems in the country, and has hospitals rated among the nation's best for medical excellence and advanced treatment capabilities."

Wauconda officials noted the proximity of the town to Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington.

Dave Dato, Wauconda fire chief, said that the land in Round Lake borders the Wauconda Fire Protection District.

"We could keep an ambulance up there," he said. "We are getting more and more EMS calls from the northern part of the village."

The Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board is expected to make a decision this summer.

Residents embrace the cold winter weather

• WINTER

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Varsity football coach Dave Mohapp has prowled the sidelines at Warren High School for 10 years, wearing "summer uniform" shorts as part of his attire.

"I've never seen Dave bundled up for a game," Warren Athletic Director Mark Pros said. "On game days he's got so much adrenaline that I don't think he even feels the chill. And he wears those shorts until after the first of the year."

Todd Schmitz, Waukegan police officer, is routinely called out during the night to investigate fatal crashes. Boasting 20 years on the force, Schmitz is grateful for the department's arctic parkas at crime scenes that often require several hours outdoors.

"The biggest problem, when it's below zero, is everything freezing up," Schmitz said. "We have to write and you can only wear a glove on one hand ... But, while we may be cold and miserable, the family who's lost a loved one is having a much worse day than us."

One would pretty much have to be a cold weather freak just to belong to a Polar Bear Club, whose members each year take a running jump into Lake Michigan when the water is 36 degrees.

Waukegan's Wayne Motley, a former champion diver and re-

tired police officer, now city clerk, and son David Motley, have done the Polar Bear Plunge for eight winters - but the water doesn't get any warmer.

"Humans can acclimate themselves to the extreme cold for the 45 seconds it takes to get in and then out [of the water]," Wayne said. But, he added, "the problem is that it feels like someone is beating you up in water that cold. It physically hurts."

Engineer Wannee Lorlurlet spent her entire life in the tropics of her native Thailand until her first Chicago winter.

Lorlurlet, 32, a Lake County resident, has routinely dressed in hiking boots, jeans and a lightweight jacket during two harsh Chicago winters.

She never wore gloves and only when wind chills reached 20 or more below, did she break out a wool cap.

"I think the human body can adjust itself automatically in any kind of weather," Lorlurlet said. "The mind is also important. If you think it's too cold, it is too cold. If you prepare your mind for cold weather, you will learn to adjust."

But, for the majority of us unable to defrost our minds, Ken Reeves, forecast director at Accuweather.com, reminds us that "People have different ways of dealing with the cold."

"Finding others more miserable than you is maybe one way of (coping)," he said.

CASA event raises more than \$140,000 for services

LAKE COUNTY JOURNALS

Court Appointed Special Advocates' third annual "A Night in CASAblanca" gala on Nov. 4, 2006 at Marriott's Lincolnshire Resort was the agency's most successful, as it raised more than \$140,000 to benefit the services CASA provides in Lake County to abused and neglected children.

The evening was highlighted by the appearance of Dr. Phil McGraw, best-selling author and host of the daytime television series, "Dr. Phil."

Robert F. Reusche, of Lake

Forest, a driving force in Lake County philanthropic community, received the second annual Terri Zenner award for his outstanding service to children and the Lake County community.

In his acceptance remarks, Reusche urged the more than 200 attendees to give their greatest gift, their time and their talent, by volunteering for CASA or other organizations in Lake County.

CASA, Deerfield, seeks volunteers to help abused children assigned to them by the Juvenile Court judges. CASA can be contacted at (847) 808-9154.

Come Worship With Us

A Directory Of Antioch Area Churches

Graceland Baptist Church, 258 Ida St., Antioch, IL. Sunday School 11am., Morning Worship 11am., Sunday Evening 7pm. Robert Williams, Pastor.

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, 1501 Deep Lake Road, Antioch, 847-395-9400. Sunday Worship at 9am, Sunday School, High School & Adult Bible Classes 10:45am.

Heritage Lutheran Church, Heritage Lutheran, 630 N. Beck, Lindenhurst, (847) 356-1766. Sunday service 10:00 am, Sunday School & Bible Class 9:00 am. (summer schedule - 9:00 am Sunday) Rev. Mark W. Anderson, Pastor.

St. Ignatius Episcopal, 500 Depot St. Antioch Phone (847) 395-0652. Low Mass 7:30am., High Mass 9:30am Sunday School & Nursery 9:30am.

CrossView Church
(formerly Antioch Evangelical Free Church)

750 Highview Drive, Antioch, IL 847-395-4117 Sunday Worship 9:00am and 10:30am Sunday School for all ages (nursery provided) Call for more information.

St. Stephen Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1155 Hillside Ave. (847) 395-3359. Sunday Worship, 8:00, 9:30, 10:45am. Rev. Roger Black, Pastor. Saturday Worship Service 5:00pm

Christian Life Fellowship Assemblies of God Church, 41625 Deep Lake Rd., Antioch, (847) 395-8572. Sunday School (all ages) 9am., Sunday Worship 10am. & 6:30pm., Children's Church 10am., Wednesday Worship & Children's Program 7am., Tues. Women's Fellowship & Bible Study 9-11:30am. Jeff Brussaly, Pastor.

Antioch Baptist Church, 817 Holbeck Dr., Antioch, (847) 769-5332. Sunday Worship 10:15am., 6:00pm., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00pm. Pastor Ken Foster.

Community Church of the Holy Spirit, 25291 W. Lehmann Blvd., Lake Villa, (847) 245-3000. Sunday Worship 11am., Bible Study Wednesday 10:30am & 7:30pm. Rev. Scott Keenan, Pastor. www.myholyspirit.org.

Faith Evangelical Lutheran, 24300 W Grass Lake Rd., Antioch, (847) 293-6101. Sunday Worship 8am. & 10:45am., Mon. Worship 7:00pm, Sunday School Weekly at 9:30am., Adult Studies Sun. 9:30am & Tues. 7pm., www.faithantioch.org

Millburn Congregational United Church of Christ, 19073 W. Grass Lake Rd. at Rte. 45. (847) 356-5237. Sunday Services 8:30am. Eucharist at 10am. Family Worship with Church School and Nursery Care. Rev. Jed Watson, Pastor.

Antioch United Methodist Church, 848 Main St., Antioch, (847) 395-1259. Sunday Worship 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School all ages 9:15am. Nursery birth through kindergarten of age from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Rev. Barbara Good, Pastor. www.umcoa.org.

St. Peter's Church, 557 W. Lake St., Antioch, (847) 395-0274. Masses weekdays, 7:30am; Sunday 6:30, 8, 9:30, 11:30am & Saturday 5:30pm. Rev. Father Ronald H. Anglim, Pastor.

Chain of Lakes Community Bible Church, 43 W. Grass Lake Rd., Lake Villa. www.clcbc.com. (847) 838-0103. Sunday Worship 9:30 and 11:00. Sunday School, Jr. & Sr. High Youth Programs. Rev. Kerry Bauman, Senior Pastor

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod), 25100 W. Grand Ave. (Rte. 59 & 132), Lake Villa, (847) 356-5158. Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:45am; Sunday School (3 and up) and Bible Study 9:30am. Rev. John Zellmer, Pastor.

Lighthouse Church of Antioch, 554 Parkway Ave., Antioch, IL (847) 838-0616. Saturday Service 7:00 p.m. Adventure Club for Kids, Adult Bible Study Saturday 6:00 p.m. Monday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Thursday Evening PTSD Support Group 7:00 p.m. Senior Pastor Tom Bartmer.

NorthBridge Church, A Contemporary Worship Experience. Meeting at Antioch Community High School, 1133 Main St., Antioch, (847) 838-0800, www.northbridgechurch.org. Sunday Service - 9:00am & 10:45am Children's Classes (K-8) - 9:00 am & 10:45 am. Mark Albrecht, Senior Pastor.

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FLORENCE IONA BROWN

Born: Aug. 31, 1904

Died: Feb. 20, 2007

Favorite pastime was playing cards with her many friends



ANTIOCH—Florence Iona Brown, age 102 of Antioch, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007 at Vista East Medical Center in Waukegan. She was born Aug. 31, 1904 in Walnut, to the late Andrew and Louella (Whitver) Anderson, moving to Antioch in 1953. She has been an active member on the Senior Citizen Advisory Council for many years and has seen the center grow from 20 members to over 250 seniors. Her favorite pastime, besides being at the center, was playing cards with her many friends. She was a member of the Antioch United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Elaine Grant of Winthrop Harbor; her two grandsons, Douglas (Vicki) Grant of Eden Prairie, Minn., and Steven (Pamela) Grant of Portland, Ore.; her four great-grandchildren,

Daniel, Stephen, Lauren and Kristin; her brother, Cecil L. (Virginia) Anderson of Carpentersville, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, of 60 years, Walter Sr.; her son, Walter Jr.; a sister, Ila Lasco; a brother, Burt Anderson and her stepmother Edna Anderson.

Funeral service was held at 11:30 a.m., Feb. 23, at the Antioch United Methodist Church, 848 Main St., Antioch, with the Rev. Barbara Good officiating. Visitation was at the church from 9:30 a.m., Feb. 23, until the time of services. Private interment of her remains was in Hillside Cemetery in Antioch.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Antioch United Methodist Church or the Antioch Senior Center.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. For information, call (847) 395-4000.

Please sign the guest book for Florence at www.strangfh.com. Please also sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits

ROBERT B. DALE

Born: Dec. 10, 1948

Died: Feb. 19, 2007

Was a veteran of the U.S. Army



VERNON HILLS—Robert B. Dale, age 58 of Vernon Hills, died Monday, Feb. 19, 2007 at the Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. He had been employed in the meat department of several Jewel Stores in Lake and Cook County for the past 40 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Surviving are three children, Robert (Jamie) Dale Jr. of Kenosha, Wis., Jennifer (Keith) Lasco of Fox River Grove and Jason Dale of Vernon Hills; three grandchildren; his mother, Oletha Dale; a brother; his dear friend, Arla; and his friend and former wife, Linda Dale. He was preceded in death by his father, Clifford Dale and sister.

Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m. on Feb. 21 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Services and interment was in Moberly, Mo. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits

ELIZABETH (BETTY) SAUBER

Born: March 10, 1918

Died: Feb. 20, 2007

She enjoyed tending to her garden and playing poker

GRAYSLAKE—Elizabeth (Betty) Sauber, age 88 of Grayslake, died on Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007 at her home. She was born in Virgil to John and Margaret Schmitt. Betty was a lifelong Cubs fan and was looking forward to the upcoming season.

Survivors include her children, John (Jean) Sauber, Sandy (Ted) Smith, Betsy Martin; and daughter-in-law, Sharon Sauber; her 10 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; and her six siblings. Betty was preceded in death by her husband John; her son, Don; and a grandson.

A Funeral mass was held at 10:30 a.m., Feb. 23 at St. Gilbert Catholic Church in Grayslake. Friends of the family visited from 8:30 to 10:15 a.m., at the Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium in Grayslake. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to St. Gilbert Catholic Church. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits

IDA HANNA KONTER

Born: March 15, 1915

Died: Feb. 15, 2007

Was a kind and giving person

LAKE VILLA—Ida Hanna Konter, age 91, of Lake Villa, passed away comfortably on Thursday, Feb. 15, 2007 at the Condell Medical Center in Libertyville.

She was born on March 15, 1915 in England. She lived in Buxworth, England and became a nurse during World War II. She met her husband-to-be in London, the late Marion Edward Konter. On the river of life, she left a wake of love and happiness.

She is survived by her son, Richard J. (Laura) Konter of Lake Villa; her grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Ida did not want a funeral, therefore, a celebration of her life was held at the Church of the Holy Family in Lake Villa, at 10 a.m. on Feb. 24. Arrangements were handled by the Ringa Funeral Home of Lake Villa. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits

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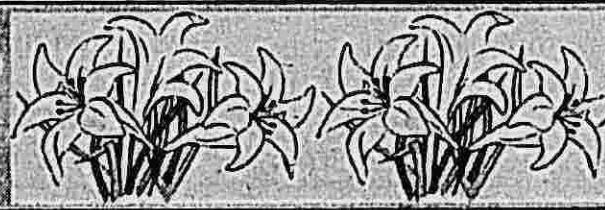
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MERLOE O. SULAK

Born: Nov. 19, 1919
Died: Feb. 20, 2007
Born in Racine, Wis.

LINDENHURST—Merloe O. Sulak, age 87 of Lindenhurst, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007 at Victory Lakes Nursing Home. She was born in Racine, Wis. to Chris and Esther Larsen on Nov. 19, 1919.

Survivors include her sister, Joan Stickland of Racine, Wis. and her brother, Tim (Bonnie) Larsen of Burlington, Wis. Her aforementioned parents; husband, Samuel; and brother, Robert Larsen, all preceded her in death.

All services were privately held. Arrangements were handled by the Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium in Grayslake. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits

GEORGE RICHARD COOK

Born: Dec. 31, 1941
Died: Feb. 18, 2007
Served in the Army



WAUKEGAN—George Richard Cook, age 65 of Waukegan, died Feb. 18, 2007, at Highland Park Hospital, of pulmonary fibrosis. He was born in Chicago Heights to George M. and Ruby A. (nee Young) Cook. George served in the Army from 1960 to 1962 and learned computer programming during his time spent in the military. After many years of service, George retired from Allstate Insurance as a computer programmer.

Survivors include his wife and childhood sweetheart of 44 years, Mary D. Bailey, whom he married on Dec. 1, 1962; his daughters, Jennifer "Darby" Allen; his grandchildren; and his siblings. His aforementioned parents and a brother, preceded him in death.

All services were privately held. Arrangements were handled by Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium in Grayslake. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits

JEAN A. LAIN (AIELLO)

Born: May 17, 1939
Died: Feb. 17, 2007
Previously owned and operated O'Hare Air Taxi Service

ROSELLE—Jean A. Lain (Aiello), age 67 of Roselle, formerly of Elk

Grove Village, and Fox Lake, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007 at Alexian Brothers Medical Center.

Jean was employed by Children's World Learning Center of Roselle and previously owned and operated O'Hare Air Taxi Service.

Survivors include a daughter, Lynne Hunter (James); her son, Scott Bergbreiter; grandchildren; a brother, many nieces, nephews and friends that loved her. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, George and two sisters.

A celebration of life for Jean Lain, was held on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m., at Queen of the Rosary Catholic Church, in Elk Grove Village.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are being accepted by the family on behalf of the American Cancer Society and the Children's World Learning Center of Roselle. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits

BEN H. POE

Born: June 30, 1911
Died: Feb. 20, 2007
Was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran



VERNON HILLS—Ben H. Poe, age 95 of Vernon Hills, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007 at his home. Ben was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, having served in the Pacific Theater during WWII. He was the first principal of Highland School, was a teacher and principal at Rockland School and was responsible for starting the Adler Park Day Camp.

Surviving are his wife of 66 years, Ruth Poe; four children, Thomas (Nancy) Poe of White Salmon, Wash., Sarah (Michael) Jenkins of Barrington, Martha Taggart of Evanston, Wyo. and James "Jay" (Pamela) Poe of Grayslake; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation was from 1 p.m. until the time of services at 2 p.m. on Feb. 24, at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Memorial contributions can be made to Condell Hospice, 115 W. Church St., Libertyville, IL 60048. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits

WILLIAM KEULMAN JR.

Born: Oct. 21, 1914
Died: Feb. 21, 2007
Was an avid golfer and bowler

ANTIOCH—William Keulman Jr., age 92 of Antioch, passed away Wednesday Feb. 21, 2007 at the

Hillcrest Nursing Center at Round Lake Beach. He was born Oct. 21, 1914 in Antioch. Bill had owned various businesses including the former Sequoia Roller Rink and the Antioch Bowling Alley. He was a 75-year member of the Royal Neighbors. On Oct. 15, 1940 he married Thelma Schlax in Dubuque, Iowa, and she preceded him in death on Oct. 15, 2000.

Survivors include his daughters Merry (Tom) Keulman of Round Lake Park, and Judith (Vaughn) Balchowsky of Chicago, and his granddaughter, Elizabeth Balchowsky. In addition to his wife he was preceded in death by his sister, Irene Tiffany; and his four brothers, C. R. "Bussie," George, Aretas "Weedy" and Alvin Keulman.

Private funeral services will be held with burial of his remains in Hillside Cemetery in Antioch. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to the Antioch Rescue Squad. Arrangements are entrusted to the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. Please sign the guest book at www.strangfh.com. Please also sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits

THOMAS JAMES 'BIG TOM' FARELLA

Born: Jan. 21, 1936
Died: Feb. 21, 2007
Was known as "Big Tom" the vegetable man on the North Shore



LIBERTYVILLE—Thomas James "Big Tom" Farella, age 71 of Libertyville, died Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2007 at the VA Medical Center in North Chicago. Tom was a U.S. Army veteran, having served during the Korean War. He was the former owner-operator of his own Checker Cab in North Chicago.

Surviving are two children, Lisa O'Brien of Chicago and Thomas "TJ" Farella Jr. of Round Lake Heights; two grandchildren; two sisters; one brother and his father, Frank (Bernadine) Eggan of Glendale, Ariz. He was preceded in death by his mother, Marie Farella.

Visitation was from 1 to 5 p.m. on Feb. 25 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits

THORA C. HALBERT

Born: Oct. 20, 1919
Died: Feb. 21, 2007
Was a high school English teacher

LAKE VILLA—Thora C. Halbert,

age 87, of Lake Villa, slipped quietly from this life on Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2007 at Victory Lakes Continuing Care Center, Lindenhurst.

She was born on Oct. 20, 1919, in Chicago, the daughter of the late Carl and Karen Marie Hansen. She was a high school English teacher for many years. Thora was a member for 60 years of the Danish Sisterhood of America - Lodge 4.

She is survived by her daughters, Dianne (late John) Carlborg, Linda (Harry) Ewert, and Carol Halbert; her grandchildren; a brother; and two sister-in-laws. She was preceded in death by her husband, John "Jack" in 1991, and a brother.

The funeral was held at 10 a.m. on Feb. 26, at Ringa Funeral Home in Lake Villa, with the Rev. Terry Breum officiating. Interment was at Irving Park Cemetery in Chicago. Visitation was held at the funeral home, from 2 to 6 p.m. on Feb. 25, and from 9 a.m. until the time of service on Feb. 26. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits

FRANK A. 'DUTCH' THODE

Born: Aug. 23, 1935
Died: Feb. 22, 2007
His interests were golfing, fishing, traveling



WILDWOOD—Frank A. "Dutch" Thode, age 71 of Wildwood, passed away Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007 at Condell Medical Center, Libertyville. He was born Aug. 23, 1935 in Chicago, the son of the late Edward C. and Irene (Mink) Thode. Dutch served in the U.S. Air Force. Before his retirement he had owned and operated Active Detective Agency in Chicago for over 20 years, owned Dutch and Suds Towne Club in Lake Villa, and owned the Twin Lakes Inn. His special interests included cheering on the Chicago White Sox, and Chicago Bears. On April 28, 1956 he married Esther "Suds" Nelson in Chicago.

Survivors include his wife of nearly 51 years Esther; three children, Debby Thode of Wildwood, Scott (Sharon) of Antioch, and Steve of Wildwood; two grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a daughter Joy; son, Brian; grandson; two brothers; and a sister.

The funeral was held at 10 a.m., on Feb. 28, at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. Interment with

military honors followed in Hillside Cemetery in Antioch. Visitation was held Feb. 27, from 4 until 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Those desiring may make donations to a family memorial in his memory. Please sign Dutch's guestbook at www.strangfh.com. Please also sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits

RUTH R. ROPPELT

Born: Dec. 26, 1916
Died: Feb. 23, 2007
Often attended mass at Marytown

LIBERTYVILLE—Ruth R. Roppelt, age 90 of Libertyville, died Friday, Feb. 23, 2007 at her home. Ruth was a member of St. Joseph Parish, the Guild of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and often attended mass at Marytown.

Surviving are three children, Joy (Douglas) Culbert of Gig Harbor, Wash., Tim (Grace) Roppelt of Mundelein and Jannie (Gary) Schreifels of Cary; eight grandchildren and one sister.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Phil Roppelt on Feb. 18, 2001.

Prayers began at 10:30 a.m., Feb. 27 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville and services continued to St. Joseph Church for the Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Interment followed at Ascension Cemetery. Visitation began at 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 27, before going to Mass. Memorials can be made to the charity of your choice. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits

DONALD R. KIMMELL

Born: Sept. 4, 1949
Died: Feb. 25, 2007
Was an avid Rusty Wallace-NASCAR fan

ANTIOCH—Donald R. Kimmell, age 57 of Antioch, died Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007 at the Lake Forest Hospital. Don enjoyed the outdoors and hunting and was an avid Rusty Wallace-NASCAR fan.

Surviving are his wife and best friend, Randi Kimmell; two sons, William (Jennifer) Kimmell of Kenosha, Wis. and Matthew (Brandy) Maddocks of Waukegan; two grandchildren; two sisters; and many other relatives and dear friends.

The funeral was held at 10:30 a.m., March 1 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Interment was in Mount Rest Cemetery in Newport Township. Visitation was from 5 to 9 p.m. on Feb. 28. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Please sign the

Guest Book at
www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits

NIKKOLE A. TAYLOR

Born: Dec. 24, 1988

Died: Feb. 24, 2007

Was a cheerleader and performed at the Pro Bowl in Hawaii in 2005

SALEM, WIS.—Nikkole A. Taylor, age 18 of Salem, Wis., died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007 along with her mother and cousin from injuries received from an automobile accident. She was born in Oskaloosa, Iowa, the daughter of Anthony and Brandy (Vance) Taylor. She was a senior at Wilmot High School.

Survivors include her father, Tony; her brother, Matthew; her maternal grandparents, Steve and Nancy Vance of Ankeny, Iowa; her paternal grandparents, Dave and Lynne Taylor of Vernon Hills; her great-grandparents; her great-great-grandmother; and her boyfriend, Brandon.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, March 2, at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, 24300 W. Grass Lake Road, Antioch. Private interment of her ashes will be at a later date in Hillside Cemetery East, in Antioch. Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m., March 1 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch and at the church Friday, March 2 from 10 a.m. until the time of services. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in her memory. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits

ZACHARY K. TAYLOR

Born: Nov. 30, 1998

Died: Feb. 24, 2007

Was in the second grade at the Antioch Elementary School

ANTIOCH—Zachary K. Taylor, age 8 of Antioch, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007, along with his aunt and cousin from injuries received as a result of an automobile accident. He was born in Park Ridge, the son of Michael and Karen (Adams) Taylor. He was in the second grade at the Antioch Elementary School and was very active with sports. He was a member of the Antioch Vikings football team; played basketball, soccer and liked to surf.

Survivors include his parents, Michael and Karen; his brother, Nicholas; his maternal grandparents, Ken and Helen Adams of Iowa City, Iowa; his paternal grandparents, David and Lynne Taylor of Vernon Hills and his many family members

and friends.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, March 2 at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, 24300 W. Grass Lake Road, in Antioch. Interment of his ashes will be private at a later date in Hillside Cemetery East in Antioch. Visitation was held from 4 to 8 p.m., on Thursday, March 1 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch, 1055 Main St. and at the church on Friday, March 2 from 10 a.m. until the time of services. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make donations to the American Lung Association in his memory. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits

BRANDY A. TAYLOR

Born: Dec. 22, 1970

Died: Feb. 24, 2007

She enjoyed photography

SALEM, WIS.—Brandy A. Taylor, age 36 of Salem, Wis., died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007 along with her daughter and nephew from injuries received in an automobile accident. She was born in Oskaloosa, Iowa, the daughter of Steve and Nancy (Wells) Vance. She was a homemaker and was very active in supporting her children with their school activities. On Jan. 11, 1991, she married Anthony Taylor in Waukegan.

Survivors include her husband, Tony; her son, Matthew; her parents, Steve and Nancy Vance of Ankeny, Iowa; her brother; two sisters; maternal grandparents; paternal grandparents; her great-grandmother; and all her many loving family members and friends.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, March 2, at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, 24300 W. Grass Lake Road, Antioch. Private interment of her ashes will be at a later date in Hillside Cemetery East, in Antioch. Visitation was held from 4 to 8 p.m., Thursday, March 1 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch, 1055 Main St., in Antioch and at the church on Friday, March 2 from 10 a.m., until the time of services. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to the Children's Miracle Network in her memory. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits

GERALDINE M. MURRAY

Born: Jan. 3, 1927

Died: Feb. 20, 2007

Her passion was found in the music of her everyday life

GRAYSLAKE—Geraldine M.

Murray, (nee Karmele), age 80 of Grayslake, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007. Born in Chicago to Nicholas and Florence Karmele. Her strength came from the Catholic faith, her joy was in her family.

She is survived by her children, Dennis (Betsy) Murray of Mundelein, Kevin (Susan) of Mundelein, Sharon (Donald) McCullough of Buffalo Grove and Robin Aimers of Wauconda; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and a sisters-in-law. She was preceded in death by her husband, James P. Murray; a daughter, Carol Sue Murray; brothers; and a sister-in-law.

A mass and funeral services were private. Arrangements were handled by the Kisselburg-Wauconda Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in her name to the American Heart Association. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits

FLORENCE E. BUTZOW

Born: May 19, 1916

Died: Feb. 24, 2007

Was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Bradenton, Fla.

LAKE ZURICH—Florence E. Butzow, age 90 of Lake Zurich, formerly of Bradenton, Fla. She was a member of the Peace Lutheran Church in Bradenton, Fla.

Mrs. Butzow was the beloved wife of the late Lester; mother of Neil (Bonnie) and Virginia (Joseph) Holwarth; grandmother of three; and great-grandmother of two.

Visitation was from 9:30 a.m. until the time of services at 10:30 a.m. on Feb. 28 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Hawthorn Woods. Interment was in Memorial Park Cemetery in Skokie. Arrangements were handled by the Ahlgrim Family Funeral Home in Lake Zurich. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Matthew Lutheran Church will be appreciated. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits

KIRBY J. BREWSTER

Born: Dec. 17, 1960

Died: Feb. 19, 2007

Loved to go fishing with his dog, Poncho

MUNDELEIN—Kirby J. Brewster, age 46 of Mundelein, died Feb. 19, 2007 at home. He was a fun loving man who always had a story to tell, filling the room with laughter.

Kirby is survived by his wife, Rita; daughter, Nikki Brewster; two stepchildren, Kelly (Juan) Reyes and

Jason Owensby; five grandchildren; a sister; a brother; and many other dear family and friends.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m., Feb. 26 at Kristan Funeral Home PC in Mundelein. Interment followed in Highland Memorial Park in Libertyville. Visitation was from 1 to 5 p.m. on Feb 25 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Save-a-Pet, 31664 N. Fairfield Road, Grayslake, IL 60030, would be appreciated. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits

JASPER 'BUTCH' RICCHIO

Born: June 25, 1958

Died: Feb. 19, 2007

Born in Kenosha, Wis.

ROUND LAKE PARK—Jasper "Butch" Ricchio, age 48 of Round Lake Park, died Feb. 19, 2007 at home. Born June 25, 1958 in Kenosha, Wis.

He is survived by his daughters, Crystal and Tiffany Ricchio; three grandchildren; brother; sisters; and many other relatives and friends.

Visitation was from 1 p.m. until the time of the services at 4:30 p.m., Feb. 25 at the Kristan Funeral Home PC in Mundelein. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits

Recent Deaths

MARY SANZONE, 88 of Waukegan, Feb. 14, 2007. Arr: Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville

JAMES J. 'GIO' GIOVENCO, 56 of Grayslake, Feb. 13, 2007. Arr: Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium in Grayslake

IDA M. MICHELINI, 93 of Round Lake, Feb. 17, 2007. Arr: M. J. Suerth Funeral Home in Chicago

SHIRLEY ANN HADAD, 73 of Antioch, Feb. 17, 2007. Arr: Strang Funeral Home of Antioch

RICHARD ALLEN GOODMAN JR. 76 of Libertyville, Feb. 17, 2007. Arr: Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville

LOUISE C. JAREMUS, 82 of Libertyville, Feb. 14, 2007. Arr: Burnett-Dane Funeral Home of Libertyville

DIANE L. TURNER (nee GISH), 53 of Wauconda, Feb. 16, 2007. Arr: Kisselburg-Wauconda Funeral Home.

GLENN A. JAHNKE, 53 of North Chicago, Feb. 13, 2007. Salata

THERESE H. JANIS

Born: March 30, 1912

Died: Feb. 24, 2007

Loved bingo, crossword puzzles, playing cards with friends

WAUKEGAN—Therese H. Janis (Janiszewski), age 94 of Waukegan, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007 in Claridge Nursing Home of Lake Bluff. She was born in Waukegan, and was employed by Fansteel in North Chicago for many years.

Survivors include two nieces, Gladys Forster of Waukegan and Elenore Riley of Beach Park; six great nieces and nephews; 10 great-great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by three brothers; two sisters; and a great-niece.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m., March 1 at the Marsh Funeral Home of Gurnee. Burial was in Ascension Cemetery. Visitation was held from 10 to 11 a.m. on March 1 in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Claridge Healthcare Center, 700 Jenkisson Ave., Lake Bluff, IL 60044 or Generations Healthcare, LLC 2 Westbrook Corporate Center, Suite 320, Westchester, IL 60154. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits

Funeral Chapel in North Chicago.

BRUCE ANTHONY SWOPES, 50 of Rockford, Feb. 11, 2007. Arr: Bradshaw & Range Funeral Home in Waukegan

LIBERTY MARY ALISE MARKOUTSIS, 5 months, Feb. 13, 2007. Arr: Congdon Funeral Home in Zion

GLORIA PRISCILLA TURKINGTON (nee HANGEBRAUCK), 66 of Winthrop Harbor, Feb. 17, 2007. Arr: Congdon Funeral Home in Zion.

PAUL COLEMAN, 42 of Waukegan, Feb. 8, 2007. Arr: Bradshaw & Range Funeral Home in Waukegan.

STANLEY ASHTON THOMAS, 47 of Chicago, Feb. 13, 2007. Arr: Bradshaw & Range Funeral Chapel in Waukegan.

JAMES P. SWALLEY, 63 of Beach Park, Feb. 17, 2007. Arr: Congdon Funeral Home in Zion

LILLIE BELLE WILLIAMS, 85 of Waukegan, Feb. 15, 2007. Arr: Bradshaw & Range Funeral Chapel in Waukegan.

To submit an obituary, please call Nancy Thielsen at (847) 223-8161, ext. 143, or e-mail wjobs@weeklyjournals.com. Obituaries must be received by noon on Tuesday.



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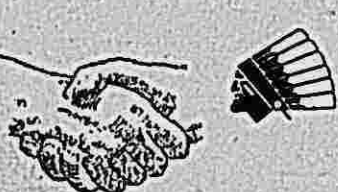
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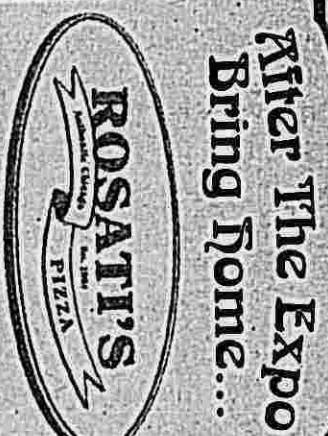
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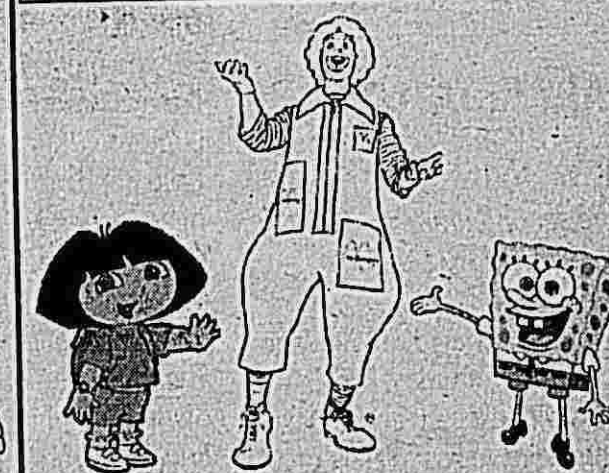
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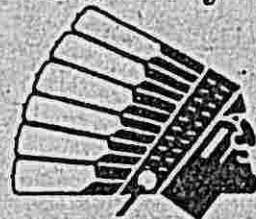
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Check it out

The world of Spanish entertainment will soon come to life with new programs created by V-me, a national Spanish-language TV network.

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Movie critic Jeffrey Westhoff says overacting hurts "Wild Hogs," while raw emotion saves "Black Snake Moan." He also reviews the Academy Awards, which took place Feb. 25.

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Jane Goodall, a renowned chimpanzee expert, will join Richard Wrangham, a Harvard University anthropologist, for a discussion on chimpanzee cognition, care and conservation. The event will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Navy Pier Grand Ballroom.

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Crying a river

Justin Timberlake's attorney, Gary Stiffelman, tells the Lake County Journals the pop icon will not stop by Round Lake for an after-party.

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Marionette madness

Chicago Shakespeare Theater presents "Marionette Macbeth." The play uses more than 100 3-foot-tall marionettes.

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Celebrity wheels



Chris Padgett - cpadgett@nwnewsgroup.com

Cyndi Wyss, Volo Auto Museum director, and Mike Passalacqua look at a truck that was driven by Leonard Nimoy and William Shatner in "Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home." The truck, which now resides at Volo Auto Museum in Volo, is for sale. See the story on page A26.

To Do

Skyway art

The artistic talents of 54 students from eight area community colleges will be on display at College of Lake County through March 18.

Art pieces will be on display in CLC's Robert T. Wright Community Gallery of Art, 19351 W. Washington St., in Grayslake.

For more information, call curator Steve Jones at (847) 543-2240, or visit <http://yyz.clcillinois.edu/artgallery>.

Equine health

Horse owners are invited to attend an equine health checkup and workshop on Saturday, March 24. The program will offer

health-care tips and first aid information about horses, including a hands-on session.

The checkup will take place in Belleville, Wis. Registration prior to March 14 costs \$35 for adults and \$15 for youths age 18 and younger.

Registration can be completed at the University of Illinois Extension Lake County Web site, <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/lake/>.

For more information, call (847) 223-8627.

Film screening

As part of its international film series, College of Lake County will present "Memories of

Murder" at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 2, in Room A162 of the Grayslake campus, 19351 W. Washington St.

The movie is based on the actual case of South Korea's first documented serial killer. Film viewing is free.

To learn more, call Patrick Gonder at (847) 543-2555, or e-mail pgondor@clcillinois.edu.

Da Vinci code

Jim Kenney has studied "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown and will discuss the controversial book at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 11, at the Byron Colby Barn, 1561 Jones Point Road, in Grayslake.

Event cost is \$10. No registration is necessary.

For more information, call (847) 543-1202.

Preparing tackle

Gear up for the upcoming fishing season by attending a Zion-Benton Public Library program called "Fishing Out of Your Tackle Box" from 1 to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 24.

Paul Cox, owner of The Outdoorsman Sport Shop in Winthrop Harbor, will host the program.

To register for the program, call 847-872-4680, ext. 4. The Zion-Benton Public Library is at 2400 Gabriel Ave., in Zion.

Going where no truck has gone before

Trekkies can own a piece of Star Trek history with famous wheels in Volo

By DANIEL J. PATRICK
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VOLO – Juxtaposed against the backdrop of hundreds of classic cars, she sits in all of her rusted-out glory. Some of her stablemates come with asking prices in excess of \$150,000. She resides with countless star vehicles from TV and movies.

The latter are her true peers. As the only “earthly” vehicle that Star Trek’s Kirk and Spock ever sat in, she is truly a one-of-a-kind truck. But she’s also one-of-a-kind at the Volo Auto Museum as a rusted, barely-running blue 1975 Chevrolet pickup in a garage full of spotless classics.

“This truck is a real beater,” Volo mechanic Mike Passalacqua said. “Other than the fact it was in a movie, there’s really not much to this truck.”

Passalacqua couldn’t be more right, as the truck doesn’t have much but its history. It appeared in the 1986 film “Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home,” as the Starship Enterprise crew traveled back to the year 1986. Naturally, Kirk and Spock needed a ride, and this beat-up pickup truck was it.

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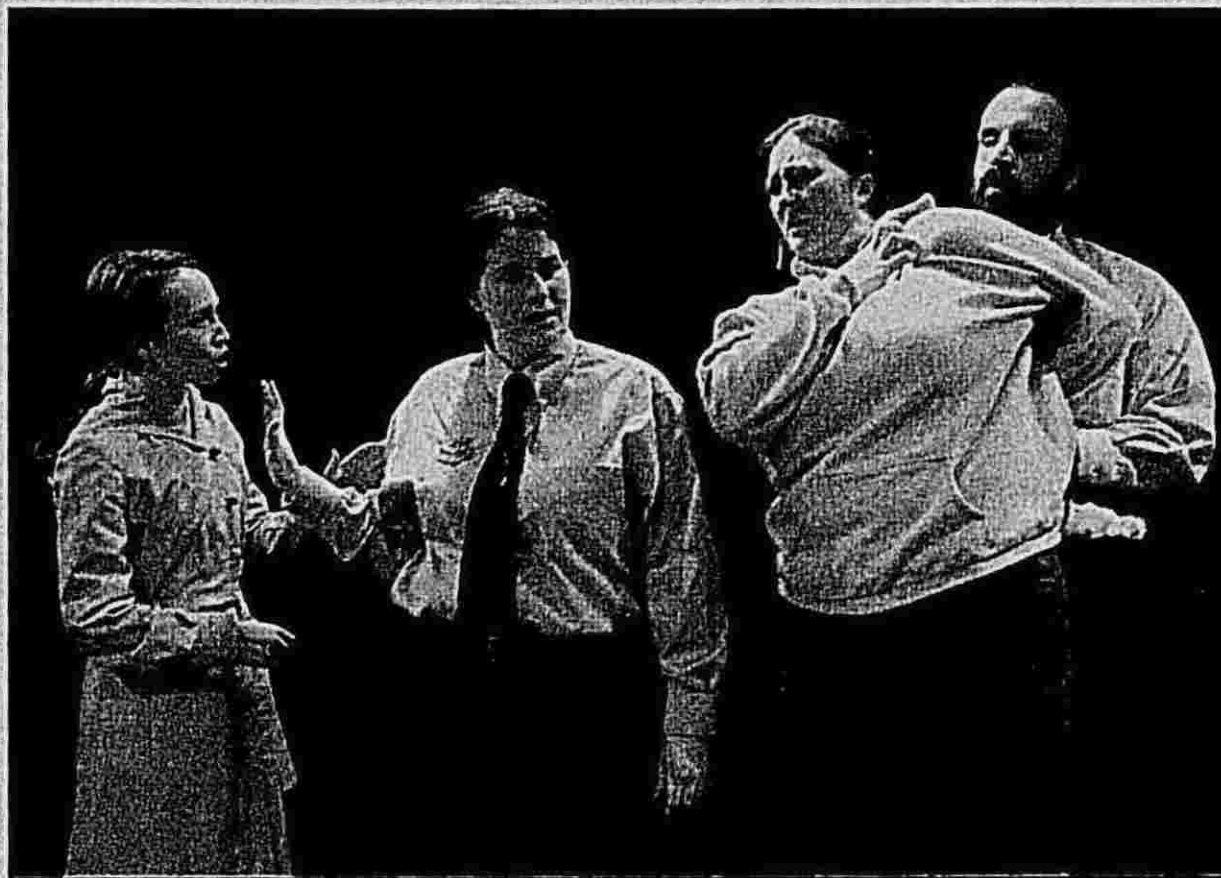


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Trekkies can own a piece of Star Trek history with famous wheels in Volo

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'Wild Hogs' skids success

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When the four main characters are introduced one by one as "Wild Hogs" begins, Martin Lawrence comes off as the least cartoonish.

Yes, William H. Macy and John Travolta seem to be bigger buffoons than the star of "Big Momma's House," while Tim Allen plays his usual character, only surrounded by bigger idiots than himself for a change.

The stars play Cincinnati friends who take a cross-country motorcycle trip to combat mid-life crisis. Travolta plays Woody, a real estate mogul who just declared bankruptcy. Allen plays Doug, a dentist who wants to win his son's respect. Lawrence portrays Bobby, a hen-pecked plumber. Macy stars as Dudley, a computer programmer who can barely talk to women and — though you might think this would disqualify him from being in a motorcycle club — can barely ride a motorcycle.

"Wild Hogs" is an especially lame comedy based on nothing but a situation. The humor is farce or slapstick, so character development doesn't matter. Establish the types, put them in one crazy mix-up after another,

"Wild Hogs"

★ 1/2

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Genre: Comedy

More information: Rated PG-13 for crude and sexual content and some violence; running time is 99 minutes.

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Screenwriter Brad Copeland doesn't even develop a background to the four men's friendship. We know Woody and Doug are college pals, but how they met Bobby and Dudley is never explained. But, if you want Hollywood to make a comedy about you and your buddies, they had better include a minority and a nerd.

Director Walt Becker ("National Lampoon's Van Wilder") understands only cheap jokes. An embarrassing series of gags features a motorcycle cop (John C. McGinley) who catches the guys in compromising situations (sharing a sleeping bag or skinny dipping in a roadside water hole) and enthusiastically offers to join the fun. Shouldn't this level of gay humor have died when "Three's Company" went off the air?

Unable to resist the genre's

biggest cliché, Copeland has the Wild Hogs incur the wrath of a hard-core motorcycle gang, the Del Fuegos, led by Ray Liotta. The four heroes defend a small New Mexico town from the Del Fuegos in a climax that takes the second half of the movie to develop.

As often happens in dumb comedies, supporting actors get the few genuinely funny moments. Liotta enjoys spoofing his psycho roles, but the one really amusing line belongs to Stephen Tobolowsky, as the town's cowardly sheriff. "I got my law-enforcement degree on the Internet," he says. "For arms training, they just told us to play 'Doom.'"

The idiocy of "Wild Hogs" is disheartening because a much funnier, emotionally honest comedy about middle-aged friends biking to the Pacific could be made if the characters were believably human.

I'll bet the same four stars would really have gotten their motors running in that version.

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The unpredictable predictability of the Oscars

Decades from now, after this year's Academy Award nominees have departed, Oscar fans might wonder whether Martin Scorsese and Clint Eastwood were practical jokers.

On Sunday, Scorsese won best director, and "The Departed" was named best feature, even though Eastwood's "Letters From Iwo Jima" was clearly a better film. Two years ago, Eastwood won best director, and "Million Dollar Baby" was named best feature, even though Scorsese's "The Aviator" was clearly a better film.

"Perhaps," movie fans of the future might say, "Scorsese and Eastwood worked out a deal to switch Oscars, maybe as a

sneaky way to prove the best picture doesn't always win."

It would be a fun little conspiracy theory, but Oscar watchers of the future should know, just as well as Oscar watchers of the present, that academy voters occasionally feel compelled to honor a particular filmmaker, even if he or she



Jeffrey Westhoff

doesn't deserve it that year.

Such was the case with Scorsese. No modern director deserved an Oscar more, and

while he was clearly relieved to finally win – and the standing ovation he received proved the Hollywood community was relieved as well – Scorsese won for the wrong film.

"The Departed" is an entertaining crime drama, but it doesn't have anywhere near the depth of "GoodFellas" or "Mean Streets" or even "Casino." Scorsese won because academy voters didn't want to see any more "Scorsese snubbed again" headlines.

The upside of this is that the next time Scorsese wins – and he will – it will be because he deserves it.

While people were talking about Alan Arkin beating Eddie Murphy in the best supporting

actor race, or Melissa Etheridge's "An Inconvenient Truth" theme trumping all three songs from "Dreamgirls," the evening's biggest upset had a Spanish accent.

Guillermo del Toro's "Pan's Labyrinth" was the most highly praised of all the year's nominated films. It racked up several early technical awards and was poised to become the night's big winner. But the award that was supposed to cap its achievement, best foreign language film, went to the German spy drama "The Lives of Others."

Perhaps it was because I watched it at a party, but this year's Oscar show was the most enjoyable for at least a decade. It was still too long, but Ellen

DeGeneres kept things moving better than most recent hosts. Most of the winners, including those in the lesser categories, gave heartfelt speeches. Name the last time the winner of best live-action short was eloquent.

The presenters were more polished than usual, too. In terms of laughs, Al Gore was the night's big winner for the hilarious moment when the orchestra played him off as he was about to announce his candidacy for president.

Maybe he's saving it for the Emmys.

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'Black Snake Moan' slithers with emotion, great acting

By JEFFREY WESTHOFF

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Writer-director Craig Brewer places two interlocking puzzles into his films. He doesn't make it clear how much, if any, ironic distance he places between himself and his characters. Nor is it certain Brewer expects the audience to observe that distance.

In other words, while watching "Hustle & Flow" are we really meant to feel it's hard out there for a pimp?

Brewer's follow-up, "Black Snake Moan," is more confounding. Its characters, like those in "Hustle & Flow," genuinely wish to rebuild their lives and find redemption. Few films present Christian faith and forgiveness so compellingly.

Yet "Black Snake Moan" also is built upon a deep, and deeply lurid, misogyny. Symbols of female oppression are treated as jokes. The repugnance of these elements erodes the goodwill of the film's message.

The story takes place in rural Tennessee and opens with a pair of departures. Lazarus (Samuel L. Jackson) sits and seethes as his ex-wife (Adriane Lenox) announces she is leaving with his younger brother. Elsewhere in the county Rae (Christina Ricci) cries as Ronnie (Justin Timberlake), her boyfriend in the National Guard, leaves for Iraq.

Ronnie has been the only cure for what Rae calls her "sickness" (psychiatrists would call it nymphomania). Ronnie's truck has barely cleared the driveway before Rae writhes on the



Photo provided

Christina Ricci stars in "Black Snake Moan," a film that discusses human sexuality.

ground in heat, then takes off on a bender that leaves her drugged, raped, beaten and deposited half-naked on the road outside Lazarus' farm.

Lazarus takes her in to tend to her wounds. When he learns of her wanton ways, Lazarus decides to cure Rae of her urges by chaining her up. The padlock hangs so low on Rae's waist that the chain isn't so much a symbolic chastity belt as the real thing.

Here is where Brewer sadistically whips his audience into conflicted feelings. Lazarus' intentions are pure. His methods are cruel and bizarre, but he honestly wants to save the girl, and he

never touches her with carnal intent.

At the same time, he doesn't have a problem with leaving Rae in the clothes he found her wearing – white panties and a cutoff sweatshirt so tiny that nothing short of divine intervention keeps her breasts covered.

The bizarre premise isn't the only reason you can't tear your eyes away from "Black Snake Moan." The performances are excellent and the characters well drawn.

Jackson hasn't been this magnetic since "Changing Lanes," and John Cothran Jr. gives him strong support as his minister. Timberlake's role is small,

"Black Snake Moan"

☆☆

Director: Craig Brewer

Genre: Drama

More information: Rated R for strong sexual content, language, some violence and drug use; running time is 116 minutes.

but he does well and deserves credit for seeking challenging projects such as this and "Alpha Dog."

Ricci is convincing, too, when Brewer allows her to switch off the sex kitten growl.

The film's look and feel are drawn from two inspirations, 1970s cinema and delta blues music. Brewer patterns "Black Snake Moan" after the gothic, rural Southern films of the early '70s (two shots are lifted from the original "Texas Chain Saw Massacre"), and the film's title comes from a blues song. Rescuing Rae reawakens the ferocious blues man dormant within Lazarus since he got married because you know a character named Lazarus must experience a rebirth.

One of those scenes stolen from "Texas Chain Saw Massacre" equates Rae's libido with Leatherface's murderous rage. That's the hypocrisy that tears this fascinating film apart – The female sexual urge must be broken, but the male sexual urge can be celebrated in song.

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Enter the mystical world of marionettes



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Chicago Shakespeare Theater will present "Marionette Macbeth" March 13 through 25.

Chicago Shakespeare Theater presents play with Carlo Colla e Figli

Chicago Shakespeare Theater and Italy's premiere marionette company, Carlo Colla e Figli, will present the world premiere of "Marionette Macbeth" March 13 through 25 at Chicago Shakespeare Theater on Navy Pier.

Shakespeare's tragic tale of the Scottish thane who murders his king will be told by Chicago Shakespeare Theater actors speaking Shakespeare's text and more than 100 3-foot-tall marionettes designed and built for the production by Carlo Colla e Figli's master craftsmen.

Eugenio Monti Colla directs the puppetry, which is performed by members of

Ticket information

To buy tickets for "Marionette Macbeth," call (312) 595-5600, or visit www.chicagoshakes.com.

Carlo Colla e Figli. The actors and spoken word are directed by Chicago's Kate Buckley.

Marionettes first made their appearance as a theatrical device in the 15th century Medieval Church, where they were used to stage passion plays. Throughout the years, their use evolved into an art form that sought to create theater, ballet and opera – in miniature form.

In Shakespeare's era, marionette theaters were being constructed at the same time as the great public theaters, and were a widely popular form of entertainment. Playwright Thomas Dekker

claims he saw Shakespeare's Julius Caesar performed by marionettes prior to the play's premiere staging at the Globe in 1599.

In the following two centuries, marionettes became part of the world of Europe's intelligentsia and aristocracy, performing great works of drama and opera – including, of course, the works of William Shakespeare.

During the 18th century, marionettes were the rage of the great artists and writers, and they performed great works of the finest creative minds. Today, marionette companies continue to entertain audiences throughout the world.

Tickets for "Marionette Macbeth" cost \$35 to \$45 for adults and \$30 to \$40 for students age 21 and younger.

Performances are 75 minutes long and will begin at 7:30 p.m. on March 13, 14, 15, 16, 22 and 23; at 1 p.m. on March 21; and at 3 p.m. on March 17, 18, 24 and 25.



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The "American Passion Play" will be performed at the Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts in Bloomington this month. The play, which tells the story of Jesus Christ, has been performed for 84 years.

Take a spiritual journey to the past

Religious play to take place in Bloomington

For more than eight decades, the "American Passion Play" has shared a story of spiritual majesty in an ornate southern-Illinois edifice built solely for its telling.

Thanks to a \$14 million dollar facility renovation by the designers of Chicago's Millennium Park, the story returns to spread its up-

lifting message in a setting that is refreshed and restored.

"The American Passion Play takes viewers on a spiritual journey to Palestine, 30 A.D.," production manager Wally Crouch said in a release. "We travel with the living Christ, meet His apostles and follow His ministry from the sermon on the mount to His res-

urrection and ascension."

The play is performed at the Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts in Bloomington. Performance dates are March 3, 10, 17, 18, 24 and 31; and April 1 and 14. All performances begin at 2 p.m.

To order tickets or a free planner's packet, call (309) 829-3903, or (800) 354-9640. Tickets cost \$20.

For more information, visit www.americanpassionplay.org.

Pet for adoption



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Timmy is a 1-year-old bunny looking for a place to live. He is available for adoption through Animal Education and Rescue. For more information about Timmy and other animals, visit www.animaleducationandrescue.org, or call (847) 816-0831.

'Musical of Musicals' shows life is a cabaret

By TOM WITOM

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As a theatrical genre, spoofs have gained currency. Consider the success of "Forbidden Broadway" and "Forbidden Hollywood."

"The Musical of Musicals: The Musical!," which pokes fun at five musicals, was first presented off Broadway in late 2003 and is now proving a good vehicle for Noble Fool Theatricals.

Created by Eric Rockwell (music) and Joanne Bogart (lyrics), it's getting a lively staging under director Bill Jenkins and his hard-working cast — Mark Houlahan, Catherine Lord, Tom Taylorson and Leah Morrow, plus onstage pianist Tom Clear.

"The Musical," justifiably described as lightweight, bases its premise on an old showbiz storyline — ingénue June can't come up with the rent demanded by her insistent landlord. Will her boyfriend Bill bail her out? How helpful is the advice she gets from her friend Abby?

Tickets, please

What: "The Musical of Musicals — The Musical!"

Where: Noble Fool Theatricals, Pheasant Run Resort, 4051 E. Main St., St. Charles

When: Through April 21

Tickets: \$27-\$37 (Dinner show packages also available.)

Show information: (630) 584-6342

The "plot" is played out repeatedly during the course of the show — five times, in fact, each parodying the style of a different composer-lyricist.

It starts with Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein ("Oklahoma," "The King and I") and continues on through Stephen Sondheim ("Into the Woods," "Sweeney Todd," "Send in the Clowns"), Jerry Herman ("Hello, Dolly," "Mame"), Andrew Lloyd Webber ("Phantom of the Opera," "Evita") and John Kander and Fred Ebb ("Cabaret," "Fosse").

Along the way there are multiple inside jabs at specific musicals, so it's easy to miss some of the satirical references. Still,



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Ensemble members (from left) Leah Morrow, Tom Taylorson, Mick Houlahan and Catherine Lord star in a scene from "The Musical of Musicals — The Musical!." The play will take place through April 21.

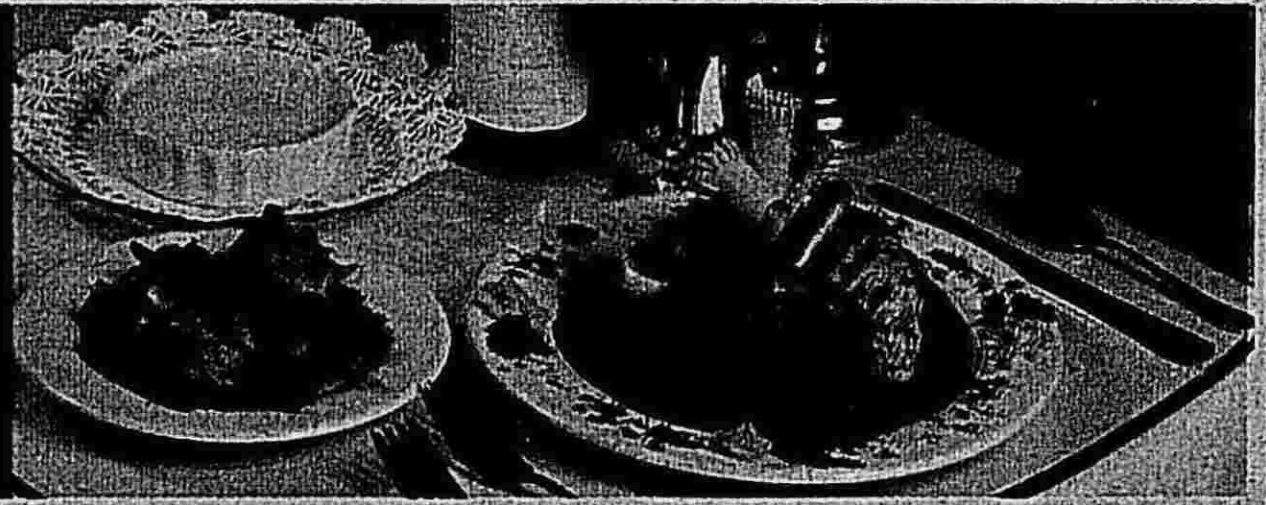
"The Musical" has enough legs to stand up on its own.

Later, other familiar titles

pop up with humorous twists, such as "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to

Decorum" and, during the "Cabaret" send-up, "Drink your wine ... 'cause life's a Cabernet."

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● Everymom

A laugh a day chases wintry blues away

My children and I had plenty of time to bond at home lately because of a recent bout of colds and the extreme winter weather.

And it's been wonderful. Really. Well, most of the time. So I've maybe had some stir-crazy afternoons. Just a few too many. OK, a lot. Who am I kidding? Must get out of this house soon.

It's just that I could use some warm weather, some time outside. A day in which I don't end up watching at least one Barbie movie.

Before I had children, I was the aunt who eagerly bounced in and entertained the children.

I didn't quite get it when my sister told me not to wake up her son when I arrived. "Why not?" I thought. "I want to see him."



Jami Kunzer

Or why it wasn't a great idea to get the Play-Doh out on the living room floor.

I didn't understand how moms suddenly went deaf when their children repeatedly asked them for something.

How could they completely tune out their children?

"I'll never do that," I thought.

Again, that was before I had children.

These days, I'd rather walk through an icy parking lot in high heels (and I never wear high heels) than wake up my children.

And I love my 3-year-old's stories and marvel at the questions she comes up with. But sometimes, I hear her repeating, "Mommy, mommy." I'm pretty sure she just spent the past few minutes talking, but I can't for the life of me comprehend what she just said.

Sometimes, especially in the car, I just want to sing along to the radio or stare blankly out the window and ponder life's questions. Questions like: Exactly how do other moms store bath toys without them turning showers into obstacle courses? Instead, I usually hear:

"Why are we stopping?"

"Why is it bumpy?"

"Where are we going?"

And so, I answer accordingly, and I regularly deliver the day's marching orders. Pick up those blocks. Time for supper. Get ready for bed. Because that's a part of motherhood.

I just didn't quite get it until I became a mother.

Still, in an effort to fight the winter blahs and bring out my inner aunt, I'm making a vow here and now to spend at least a portion of the day, you know, really having fun.

Want to fill the tub with snow? Go ahead.

Want to play in the sink and splash water all over the floor? Just this once.

Want to paint yourself purple? OK.

Hey, let's go on a magic carpet ride.

Because, lately, I could use a reminder that having fun should be as much a part of motherhood as marching orders.

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● Correction

In the Feb. 23 editions, the article "Feeding frenzy" incorrectly stated that Aviva Suppo raised three children.

Suppo actually has four children and three grandchildren.

We regret the error.

Worth a thousand words

War photojournalist shares work with public at exhibit

War photojournalist Sean Sutton, of Mines Advisory Group (MAG), will display his "Surviving the Peace" exhibit in the U.S. for the first time March 10 through April 29 at the Chicago Cultural Center Michigan Avenue Galleries, 78 E. Washington St., in Chicago.

This traveling collection of photographs documents the challenges faced by war survivors. It also relates how the work of the humanitarian organization MAG helps rebuild lives in countries like Iraq, Sudan and Lebanon.

"The exhibition is not about doom and gloom," Sutton said in a release. "Yes, there are sad images. It would be dishonest to filter them out. But that's not what the exhibition is about. It's about hope, humanity and courage."

MAG, co-laureate of the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize, is a United Kingdom-based charity that partners with U.S.-based MAG America to help communities recover from conflict by clearing land mines, unexploded bombs and small arms and light weapons that threaten the lives of millions worldwide.

"Surviving the Peace" aims to show viewers that this extraordinary work, supported by the U.S. government, continues to change the lives and cultures of conflict-affected countries and communities.



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This photo of amputee deminers taking a break from work in Rum Chek village in Cambodia will be on display at an exhibit in Chicago this month.

Want to know more?

• For more information about Mines Advisory Group, visit www.magamerica.org.

• For more information about the Chicago Cultural Center Michigan Avenue Galleries, visit www.ci.chi.il.us/Tourism/CultureCenterTour/1stfloor.html.

Learn to think like a chimpanzee during a public lecture in Chicago

Internationally renowned chimpanzee expert Jane Goodall will provide an in-depth look into the mind of our closet living relative at a public lecture at the Navy Pier Grand Ballroom from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 25.

Goodall will be joined by Harvard University anthropologist Richard Wrangham. The event will offer the rare opportunity to hear two of the world's foremost authorities on chimpanzees.

Goodall and Wrangham have changed the way the world thinks about chimpanzees and hu-

mankind. During the lecture, the two will discuss chimp cognition, care and conservation, while sharing personal insight gained from a lifetime of work with these animals.

In addition to learning about Goodall's personal passion for chimps and Wrangham's firsthand accounts of studying the animals in the wild, attendees will learn what they can do to ensure chimpanzees have a bright future.

Cost to attend the lecture is \$20.

For more information, visit www.lpzoo.org.

● Relish the American Table

Taste of Kentucky

By JEANETTE HURT
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Home cooks have always used indigenous ingredients, and in Kentucky, bourbon has always been on hand. Even in dry counties, this special spirit has been used to flavor many things, including pork chops and ice cream.

"My grandmother was a strict teetotaler, but she never minded tipping the bottle into anything she was fixing," said David Larson, chef-in-residence at the Woodford Reserve distillery, in a release.

Perhaps nowhere does bourbon's blend of spice and sweetness meld so well as with pie, and bourbon pie is a classic Kentucky recipe.

"The bourbon gives the pie a more complex flavor," Larson said. "The bourbon flavor rides on the wings of the sugar, and they really work well together. You have to remember that to make bourbon, there are yeasts and sugars involved. There's a wonderful kinship there."

That relationship adds depth, but because the pie is baked, the alcohol is cooked out. Bourbon can be added to almost any sort of pie – from peach cobblers to chocolate creams – but the classic recipe is just a basic, filled-custard affair, similar to a pecan pie without the pecans (but some cooks do add nuts or chocolate bits, too).

Nutmeg, mace, cinnamon and even black pepper also can be added to bring out different nuances of the bourbon in the pie, but be careful not to add too much. The pie can be served plain or topped with cream or an elegant meringue.

"It's kind of a Sunday dinner-type of pie," Larson said. "And it's especially popular around Derby time."



Bourbon Pie
(Serves 8)

Ingredients:

2 cups granulated sugar
4 eggs
1/4 cup heavy cream
2 tablespoons bourbon
1 tablespoon unsalted butter, melted
1 1/2 teaspoons cornmeal
1 1/2 teaspoons all-purpose white flour
1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon (optional)
1 uncooked pie shell

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 Fahrenheit.
Whisk all ingredients (except pie shell) together and pour into pie shell.

Bake 35 minutes, or until top is crusty.

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The city of Chicago is celebrating its 170th birthday. In honor of the event, the Chicago History Museum will waive admission March 3 and 4.

Happy birthday, Chicago!

Admission to Chicago History Museum waived

In recognition of Chicago's 170th birthday, the Chicago History Museum (formerly the Chicago Historical Society) will waive admission March 3 and 4.

The museum also will have refreshments that weekend, as well as live music.

The historical society announced it changed its name to the Chicago History Museum in February 2006.

The Chicago Historical Society was founded in April 1856 by the city's leading entre-

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preneurs to document Chicago's transformation from a frontier town into a major urban center.

Recently renovated, the museum features artifacts, installations and new galleries.

The Costume and Textile Gallery displays changing exhibits from the museum's renowned costume and textile collections.

For children, the Konen Family Children's Gallery allows children to learn about Chicago through their five senses.

To explore Chicago's di-

verse people and places, visitors might want to visit the KPMG and Paul and Katherine Snyder Community Gallery, "Chicago: Crossroads of America." This gallery showcases Chicago's past in several themed sections.

The museum's gift shop offers a wide selection of items on the history and culture of Chicago and the United States. It includes a large selection of books, posters, photos, jewelry and toys.

To learn more about the Chicago History Museum, visit www.chicagohistory.org.

Discover how to make tax season a little less taxing

Most Americans view their tax return as a document that represents all things financial to them – containing both personal and financial information for all household members.

As the Internal Revenue Service motivates Americans to electronically file their tax returns, the future can seem a little scary for the millions of taxpayers who have continued to prepare their tax

returns manually.

Several steps can be taken to ensure a tax return is filed safely online.

1. Update your computer's virus protection software. Install patches for its operating system and software programs to defend against intruders, viruses and spyware that can compromise files and passwords.

2. Only store financial information on

your computer that is necessary. And protect access to your programs by using something called a "strong" password – a combination of letters and numbers (upper and lower case) to ward off possible identity thieves.

A good way to create a strong password is to come up with a memorable phrase.

3. Never use an automatic login fea-

ture to populate user name and password fields.

4. Use a firewall program if you use a high-speed Internet connection like cable, DSL or T-1 that leaves your computer connected to the Internet 24 hours a day. Without it, hackers can take over your computer.

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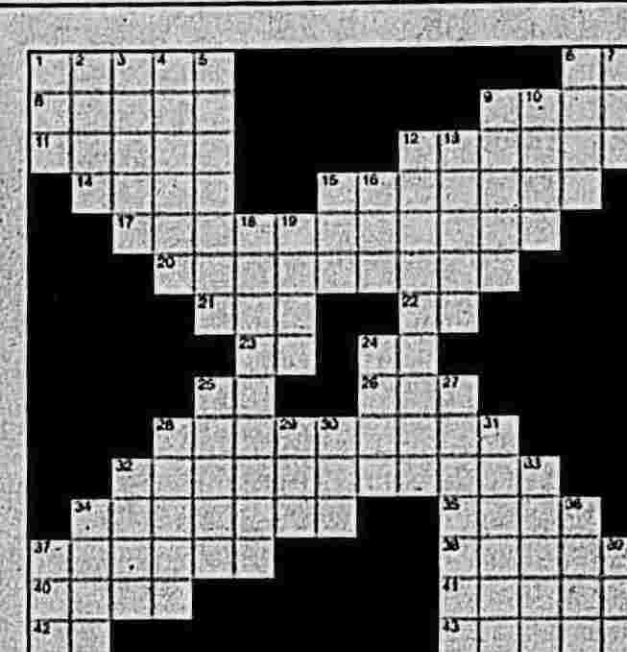
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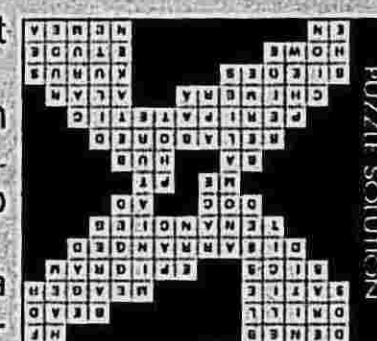
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2. Geological times
3. Gleaming
4. Evoke
5. Sacred
6. Heme (var.)
7. 32nd President
9. Uncovers
10. Oh, God! (var.)
12. Small replica
13. Encouraged
15. Any of several sea eagles
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27. Cause oneself to go
28. Light brown
29. 4th month (abbr.)
30. Sheep sound
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- centration
32. Stinks!
33. Caraway
34. Coer__: compel by force
36. Ill-mannered
37. The woman
39. Ocean



● Horoscope

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

One way or another you'll make a name for yourself this week, Pisces. You attract people who like controversy.

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Unfortunately, you're not very popular this week, Aries. You feel like you're stranded behind enemy lines with nothing but your wits.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you are the life of the party this week and you're enjoying the spotlight immensely.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, even though you feel exposed and unready to conquer a major obstacle, you are actually ahead of the game. You have nothing to lose.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Surprise everyone with your extensive knowledge and personality, Cancer.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Leos don't always know what they can and cannot do, Leo.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Once again, you are looked to for your

leadership, Virgo.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

If you're too eager this week, Libra, you'll only alienate friends and coworkers.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

You're on a roll, Scorpio. You are a hero, a genius and generally entertaining to many around you.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

If pushed too far you might be unable to stop this week, Sagittarius.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

If your clients or coworkers are smart this week, Capricorn, you'll get the final say.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

You're a slave to your reactions, Aquarius.

● Elements of the Ridiculous

Beauty is truly in the eye of the beholder

Boy, I hate jewelry ads.

The scene: There's this holiday party, and several women are wearing gorgeous jewelry (no arguments here). One poor, unadorned woman fawns at the well-bejeweled ladies (because we all know that women, much like raccoons, are attracted to shiny things).

The set-up: This unhappy lady realizes her jewelry is apparently inferior (because

women are shallow creatures

who are subject to tantrums), and guess whose fault it is?

The punch line: Why, it's her dumb husband's fault for not buying jew-

elry from the right store (because a man's worth is measured by his jewelry-purchasing power). She dumps something (an hors d'oeuvre, her icky jewelry, her dignity?) in his drink, just to show how miffed she is (take that, stupid man).

Some day, my knight in shining armor will bend down on one knee and say, "Jana, I love you. Will you take this ... dishwasher ... as a token of my love, and will

you marry me?"

The microwave will emerge from an enormous velvet box. "Ohhhh," I'll sigh, "He went to Best Buy."

People will see me at parties and say, "Can we see your engagement microwave?"

I'll have wallet-sized photos of me hugging the microwave.

"Ooooooh, ahhhhhhh, it's sooooo ... umm ... kitchen-y," they'll say.

"It's going to be an heirloom," I'll tell them. "I'll pass it down to my first daughter."

"Ooooooh, I heard he changed your oil that day, too. How romantic."

"Yes," I'll say. "(Sniff.) It was a beautiful day."

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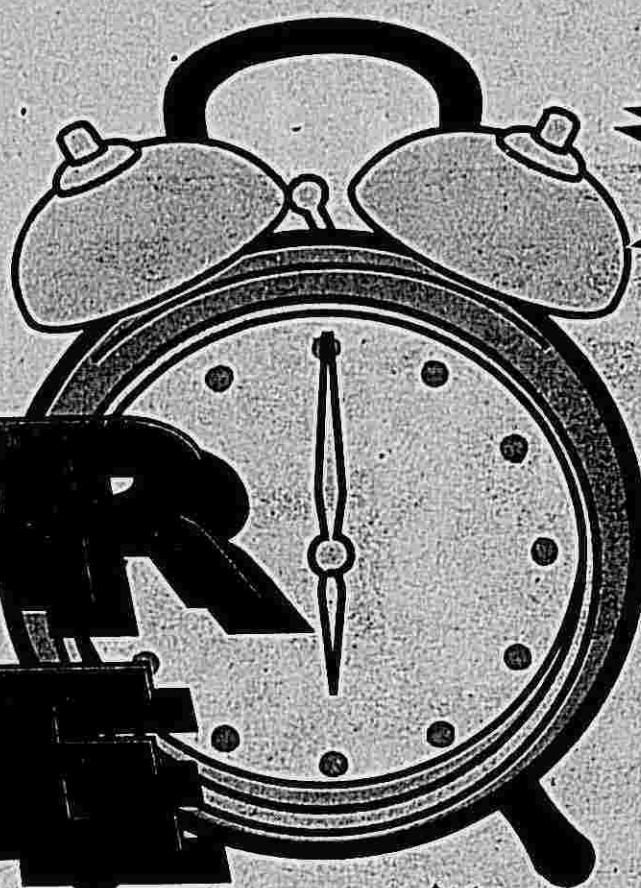
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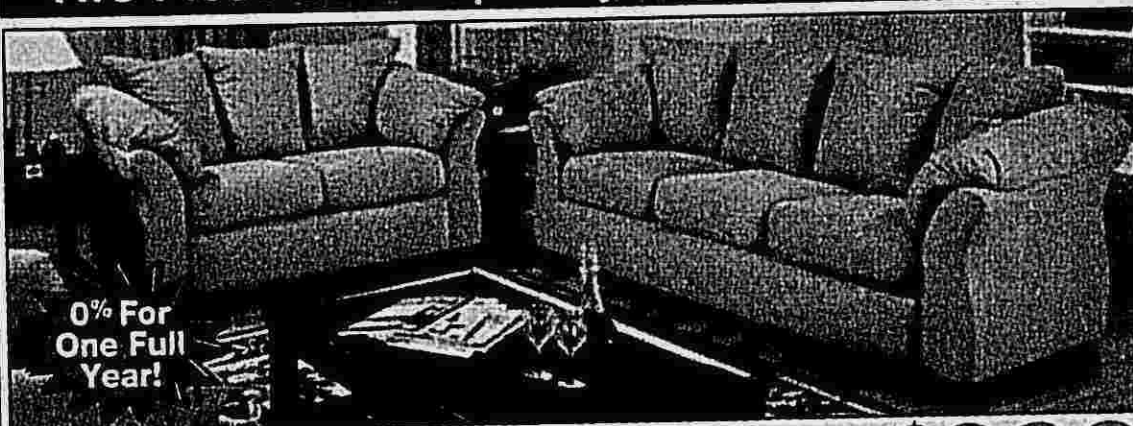
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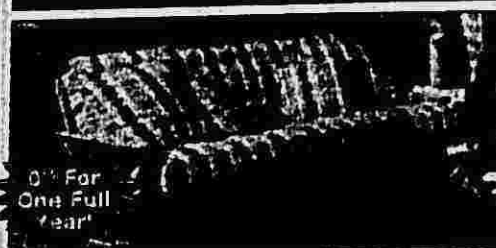
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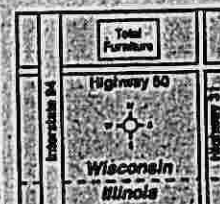
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Spring is in the air. It's time to pack away all your winter clothes and take stock of what you need to complete your spring wardrobe.

Do you need just a few pieces, or a complete closet overhaul? Where do you start?

First, you need to know what the latest trends are. With couture runway collections featuring more wearable fashions, retailers are easily converting the latest looks into pieces that fit right into your closet - at a fraction of the price.

Below are a few of this season's hottest trends.

• **Nautical** - The old classic is back again. Mix and match patterns and solids while keeping within the red, white and blue family.

• **Metallic** - Gold has been the front-runner for the past few years, but silver is now taking center stage. Shoes, bags, skirts and cropped jackets all come metallic-colored materials. Pick one piece and keep everything else simple.

• **Bright whites** - Crisp linen and cotton from head to toe create a chic uniform. Beware of anything too tight. This look should be sophisticated and breezy.

• **Dresses, dresses, dresses** - All patterns, solids, fabrics and shapes are hot this season. Take advantage of the ease



Photo provided

The winter season is ending, and that means spring is nearly here. It's time to go through your closet and revamp your clothes collection, keeping the latest styles in mind. Current fashion trends include nautical patterns, metallic colors, bright whites and dresses.

with which your outfit can come together. A dress can take you from day to night with a simple change of accessories.

Whatever you need - whether streamlined simplicity or a pop of color - there is a

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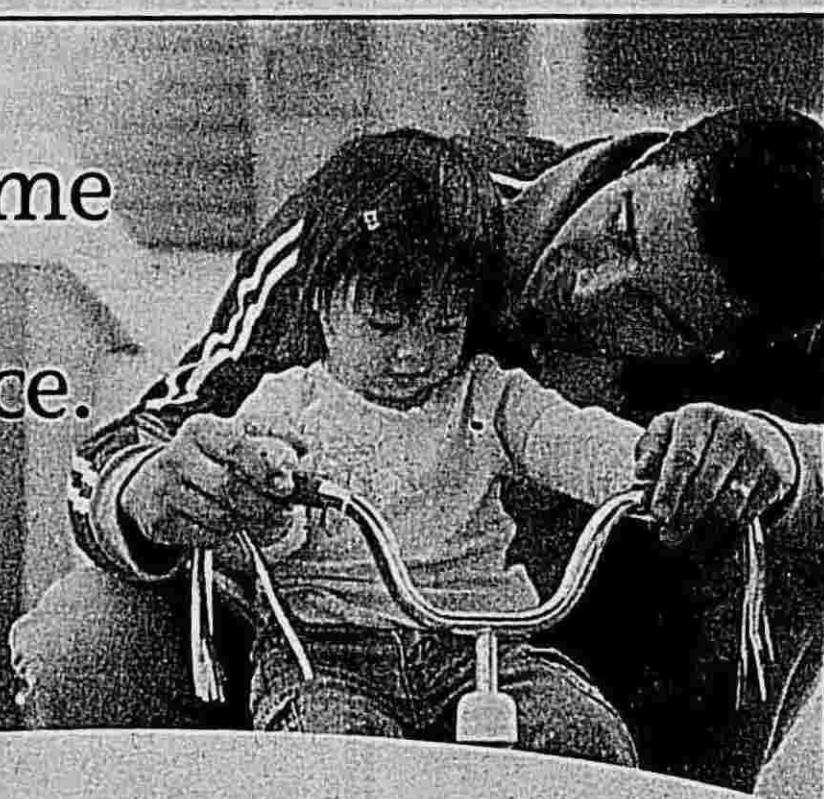
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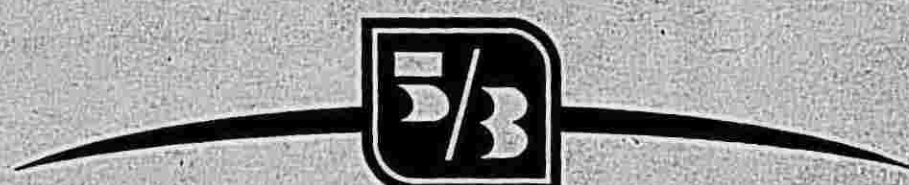
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Text your way home

Cell phone users can now receive sale information

Americans finally have tapped into the text messaging craze full force.

According to the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association, a trade association for the wireless communication industry, U.S. cell phone users sent more than 64.8 billion text messages in the first six months of 2006, up 98.8 percent from the first six months of the previous year.

These days, there's a lot more to do with that tiny keypad than text messaging your friends and family.

House hunters, for example, can receive the listing information for some homes by text message.

ERA Real Estate provides home sale information through a property ID number. All a person has to do is send a text message with the number (displayed on for-sale signs) to "TXT ERA," or

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House hunters also can choose to be notified by text message when homes that meet their requirements become available.

"We're always looking for ways to better service our customers, including communicating in ways that best fit their ever-changing lifestyle," said Bill Cogan, ERA vice president of interactive marketing, in a release.

Noting that ERA was "founded on technology," Cogan said his company was the first national real estate brand to tap into the mobile frontier with www.ERA.com Mobile, a service that allows customers to view ERA's listings and more from cell phone Internet browsers.

Text messaging seemed like a logical next step for the tech-savvy company. In fact, it might be ahead of the curve.

According to the research firm In-Stat, wireless text messaging is expected to increase six-fold between now and 2009.

So far, ERA has found that its text messaging service is most popular with first-time homebuyers.

Opera opportunity

An afternoon of music comes to Barrington Hills

Resurrection Concert Series five years ago.

Following the program, guests can enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres.

The event costs \$35 for Lyric Opera members and \$45 for guests. Checks payable to BCLOC can be sent to Margit Vogel, 380 Oak Hill Road, Lake Barrington, IL 60010.

For more information about the show, visit the Lyric Opera of Chicago's Web site at www.lyric-opera.org, or call (847) 304-0422.



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Levi Hernandez
A baritone who will sing with Lyric Opera of Chicago

An opera opportunity is coming to area residents.

An "Afternoon of Opera, Operettas and Classical Piano," featuring baritone Levi Hernandez and pianist Luciano Laurentiu, will be performed at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 25, at a residence in Barrington Hills.

Laurentiu will perform on a recently renovated baby grand piano from Henry Steinway's golden age.

Hernandez is now a highly sought after artist on the operatic stage.

He will sing in "La Boheme" during Lyric Opera of Chicago's upcoming season.

A Chicago resident, Laurentiu has performed with the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra and the American Opera Group.

He also helped establish the

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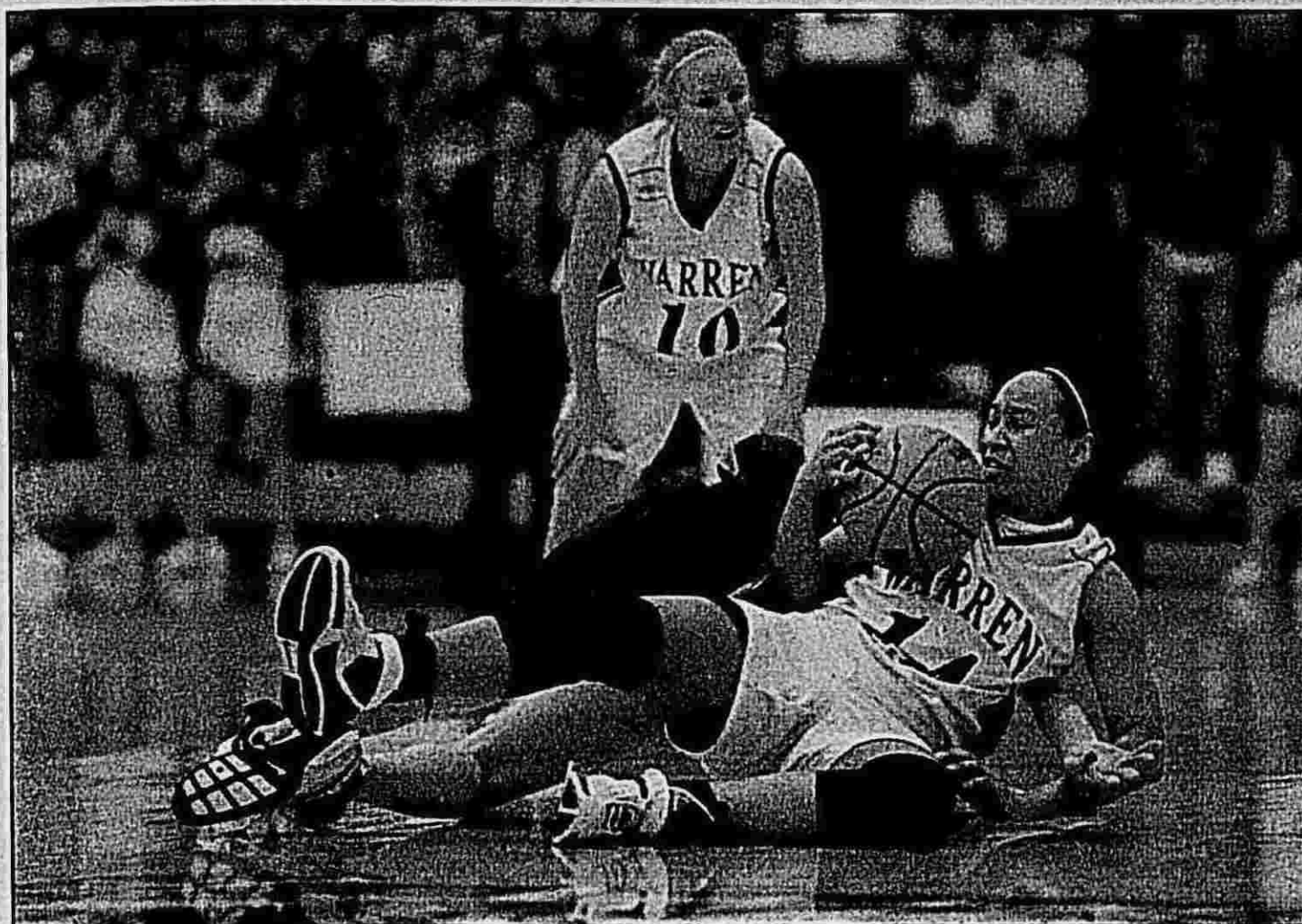
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IHSA CLASS AA GIRLS BASKETBALL SUPERSECTIONAL: BUFFALO GROVE 60, WARREN 41

Bison stifle Blue Devils' title hopes



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Warren's Melanie Duplessis gets tangled with a Buffalo Grove player while struggling for the ball during Warren's 61-40 IHSA Class AA Supersectional loss at Loyola University in Chicago.

Buffalo Grove knocks off Warren

By MATT PERA

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CHICAGO – This was supposed to be Ali-Frazier III – two heavyweights going toe-to-toe for the third straight year, with the same high stakes on the line.

In one corner stood the Warren Blue Devils and junior center Sarah Boothe, a varsity starter since her freshman year and a college recruiter's dream with slick post moves and a 6-foot-5 frame.

In the other corner – the Buffalo Grove Bison and junior guard/forward Maggie Mocchi, a versatile player equally at home in the paint or on the perimeter.

The stage was set for an epic battle. Each team had one win under their belt in head-to-head competition.

Warren had defeated the Bison two years ago in the IHSA Class AA Supersectional, and Buffalo Grove returned the



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Warren super fans Jim Hilliard, Eric Quall, Patrick Palmieri, Andrew Ostrander, Josh Keene, Taylor Quintero and Casey Weaver, all juniors at the Gurnee school, argue a call in the fourth quarter of Warren's 61-40 Class AA Supersectional loss to Buffalo Grove.

favor last year to snatch the Blue Devil's crown.

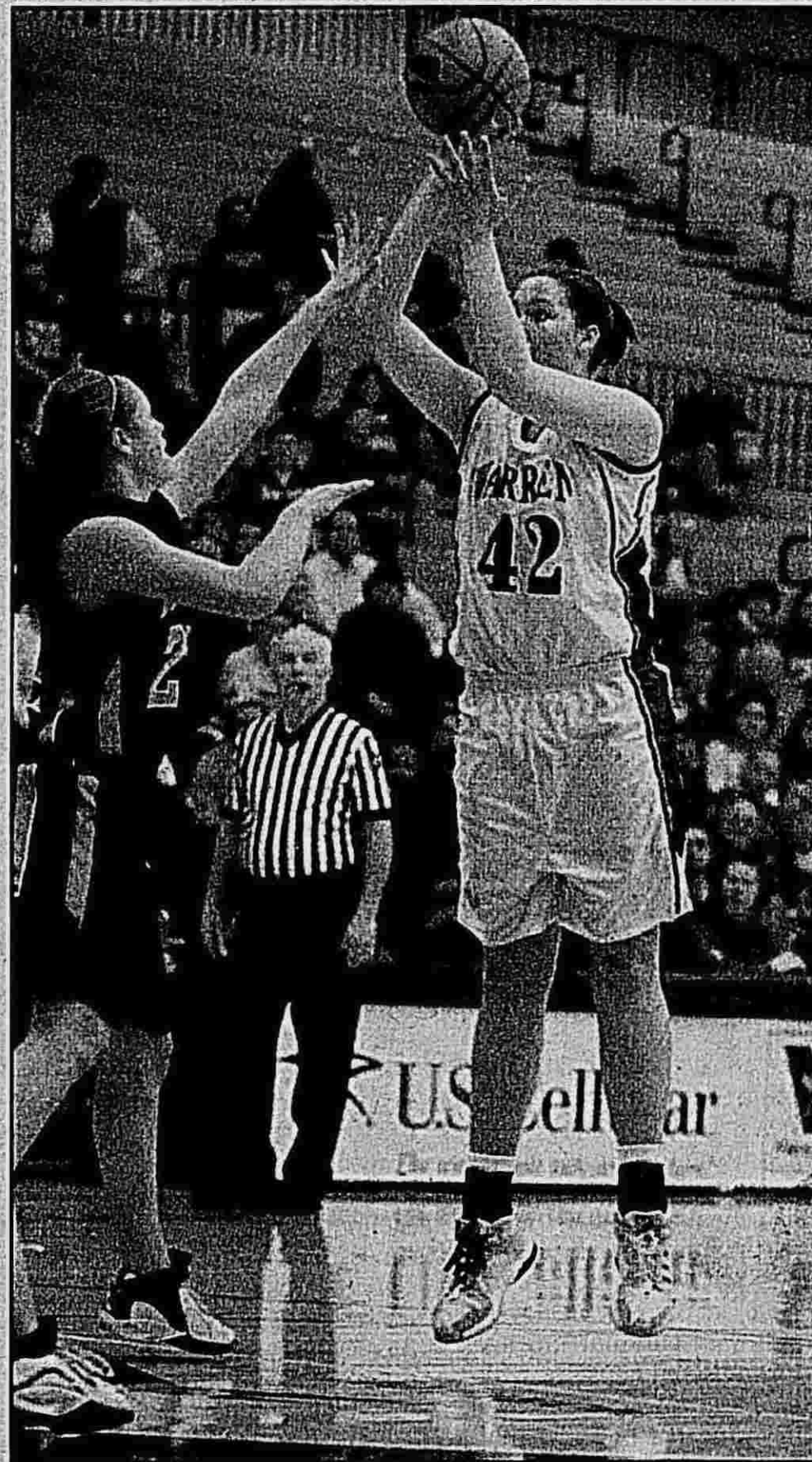
On Feb. 26 at Loyola University, again in a supersectional game, it was time to complete the trilogy.

This one, however, featured a knockout punch before half-

time.

The Bison played their patented trap defense to perfection, forced Warren into several early mistakes and capitalized on them early and often.

See WARREN, page A40



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Warren center Sarah Boothe, a junior, attempts a shot during Warren's 61-40 Class AA Supersectional loss to Buffalo Grove.

Bison limit Boothe's boards

By MATT PERA

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the locker room with no rebounds.

CHICAGO – It is almost unheard of in the three-year varsity career of Warren junior center Sarah Boothe.

As the halftime buzzer sounded in the Class AA Supersectional game against Buffalo Grove, she headed into

Standing at 6-foot-5, Boothe is almost always the tallest – as well as one of the best – on the court. Not many players can successfully box her out in the paint or keep her at a safe distance from the backboard.

See BOOTHE, page A46

On The Sidelines

Where we're going, we don't need jumpsteps

It goes without saying that everyone has a certain movie that they love. Everyone has that one piece of cinematography that speaks to them and for me, that movie is the comedy classic "Back to the Future."

As a child, I must have watched that movie more than 100 times and even as an adult, I can recite the entire script from memory.

Those recent DirecTV commercials with Christopher Lloyd set in the Back to the Future universe recently dredged up my love for the movie.

But why would a sports writer ramble on about a movie that was made 22 years ago, you ask? Well, it's because I would love to take Doc Brown's DeLorean time machine up to 88 miles an hour and back to a time when high school basketball didn't have the jumpstep as a legal move.

Back in my playing days, and it wasn't all that long ago, jumpsteps and hopsteps were illegal and got a traveling call every time. It's a wonder that in just seven years, the prep basketball world has changed so much to allow such a move.

While giving an offensive player another jump after dribbling might not seem like much, it's another move toward the NBA game that does not need to be taken in varsity contests.

For years, the jumpstep and hopstep was relegated purely to the NBA ranks to allow for a faster, more athletic game and consequently, more slam dunks. While I'm all for faster games in the high school

ranks, hopsteps typically lead to more collisions in the paint as defenders can misjudge how far an offensive player will hop.

A lot of oldtimers will talk about the good-old days when basketball was more about the jump shot and less about the slam dunk. As enjoyable as watching an athletic player get that extra jump on the defense is, it also makes for harder hits down low and the added potential for injury.

Well that, and a lot of former players like myself whining about the good old days. So Doc Brown better fire up the time machine, because I want to go back to the time when driving to the basket didn't have that little hop at the end.



Daniel J. Patrick

Take a bow

Congratulations to the Warren girls basketball team on a fine season. While a 21-point loss probably wasn't what the Blue Devils had in mind for their season finale, Warren had the deepest run in the Lake County Journals' coverage area yet again.

While fine players like Melanie Duplessis, Brittany Innes, Stacy Leach and Deanna Payne have suited up for the last time, take it from a former basketball player that the memories that you have just made will never fade.

With a 28-4 final record and a thrilling last second three-pointer from Innes to win over Johnsburg, there's plenty this team will have to look back on long after the rigors of high school life are gone.

The Blue Devils aren't the only ones that have given this sports writer a few more memories to hold on to. So thanks to all the area girls basketball teams for another great season.

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Warren senior Melanie Duplessis is consoled by teammates as she leaves the floor in the final minutes of the team's 61-40 Class AA Supersectional loss to Buffalo Grove at Loyola University in Chicago.

Blue Devils succumb to Bison defense

• WARREN

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The result was a 61-40 win that sends Buffalo Grove (34-1) to state for the second straight year.

The supersectional champs' game plan consisted of playing the passing lanes for key steals (10 overall), aggressive man-to-man defense, and an offense that featured few flaws.

"I'm a tough guy to impress but these kids were awesome," Buffalo Grove head coach Tom Dineen said of his squad. "I don't know if anybody would have beat us [Feb. 26]."

Mocchi stole the show, stuffing the stat box with 28 points, seven rebounds, five steals and three assists.

Her twin sister, junior forward Allison Mocchi, played Boothe tough throughout the game, holding the star center to six points and zero rebounds in the first half and 14 points and six rebounds for the game.

While Allison was the defensive anchor, boasting eight rebounds, four blocks and two steals on the night, she also got a little help from her friends.

The Bison implemented sev-

“Everything went right for them, it looked effortless for them. And, for us, it seemed to be a real struggle to get any type of flow and rhythm going.”

John Stanczykiewicz

Warren girls basketball coach

eral double- and triple-teams to neutralize Boothe into a near nonfactor in the first half.

"It was a great defensive plan ... They're good at trapping" Boothe said of Buffalo Grove. "We just didn't execute on the offensive end, we just did not come out strong and ... they just executed on everything, hitting all of their shots."

The result was a 31-13 half-time score, highlighted by Warren (28-4) managing just one field goal in the second quarter.

And, with that, the second half was little more than a curtain call.

The Bison continued to pick off errant Warren passes and implemented its fast break to perfection after halftime.

Buffalo Grove capitalized on 18 turnovers overall by the Blue Devils, which Warren senior guard Stacy Leach identified as a key stat.

"We started turning the ball over and it was tough," she said. "You can't [have] turnovers against Buffalo Grove, because they turn those into points"

Leach battled through early foul trouble to contribute nine points and four rebounds.

Other top performers for the Bison were junior center Ellen Ayoub (14 points, 11 rebounds) and senior guard Rachel Buchek (11 points, four rebounds, three assists).

Warren coach John Stanczykiewicz said the Bison were nearly unstoppable, while his Blue Devils appeared uncomfortable for much of the game.

"Everything went right for them, it looked effortless for them," he said. "And, for us, it seemed to be a real struggle to get any type of flow and rhythm going."

Lake Forest freshman gives his all at state finals

Nine athletes represent NSC

By EMILY PREVITI
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WINNETKA – Talent. Illinois High School Association Boys Swimming and Diving State meet was full of it.

Winning times of swimming events during two-day competition were, in the general, faster than many state's meets that took place so far this school year.

Nine athletes from the North Suburban Conference made it back for the second round of races.

Though they did not win any events, swimmers represented the NSC in the final and consolation heats of all freestyle events but the 400-yard free relay.

Lake Forest's Mitch Stoehr was the only freshman in the state to race in an individual swimming event during the final heats of the meet, on Feb. 23 and 24 at New Trier High School.

Stoehr contributed to the Scout's 16th-place finish, the highest of any team from the NSC.

Stoehr expressed disappointment after 500 free, given his sixth-place 4:44.19 was slower



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Libertyville's Danny Leleune competes in the 200-yard individual medley during the IHSA Swimming and Diving State Meet Preliminaries at New Trier High School in Winnetka.

than the previous night's 4:39.43.

The 14-year-old attributed the added time to his exhaustion from swims in two relays and two individual events on Feb. 23.

Lake Forest head coach Cindy Dell pointed out that Stoehr's time was more than 20 seconds faster than his first swim of the season.

"He trains like I've never seen," Dell said. "He is so focused and disciplined for a 14-year-old ... it's impressive."

During the prelims Feb. 23,

Stoehr hung with senior Chris Bateman, of Naperville North. During the last 100 yards, Stoehr motored ahead to win the 500 free in 4:39.43.

The move banished Bateman to the consolation finals on Feb.

24.

"I knew he was a faster seed than me," Stoehr said. "I decided to try to hang with him and ... I had so much energy at the end."

Stoehr finished 12th in the 200 free (1:43.73). He said he's

aiming for a state title by his junior year.

The team's future looks bright, Dell explained, given that Stoehr illustrates the ability among the Scouts' freshmen and sophomores.

Lake Forest senior Jim Doetsch placed sixth and ninth, respectively, in the 50 (21.29) and 100 (46.82) freestyle, both personal bests.

"I'm really happy," Doetsch said of his performance.

"But it would have been a lot of fun to swim some relays ... I was kind of disappointed about that," he added.

Mundelein senior Aaron Slattery also finished his season with a smile.

On Friday, Slattery had missed finals for the 100 free by 0.01 seconds, but made it back in the 50 free.

"I was so upset," Slattery said. "I didn't really feel like swimming today at all."

But Slattery showed up, and donning a tie-dyed cap, swam well.

He started the day seeded 12th, and took seventh.

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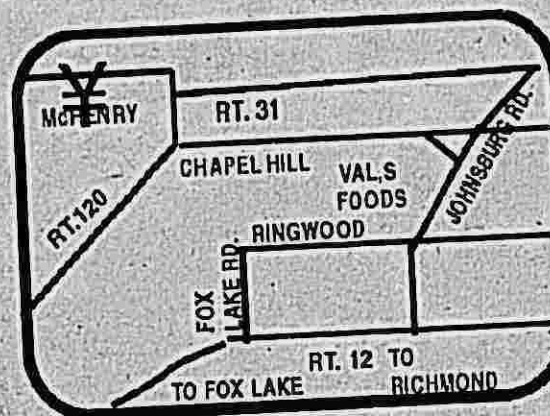
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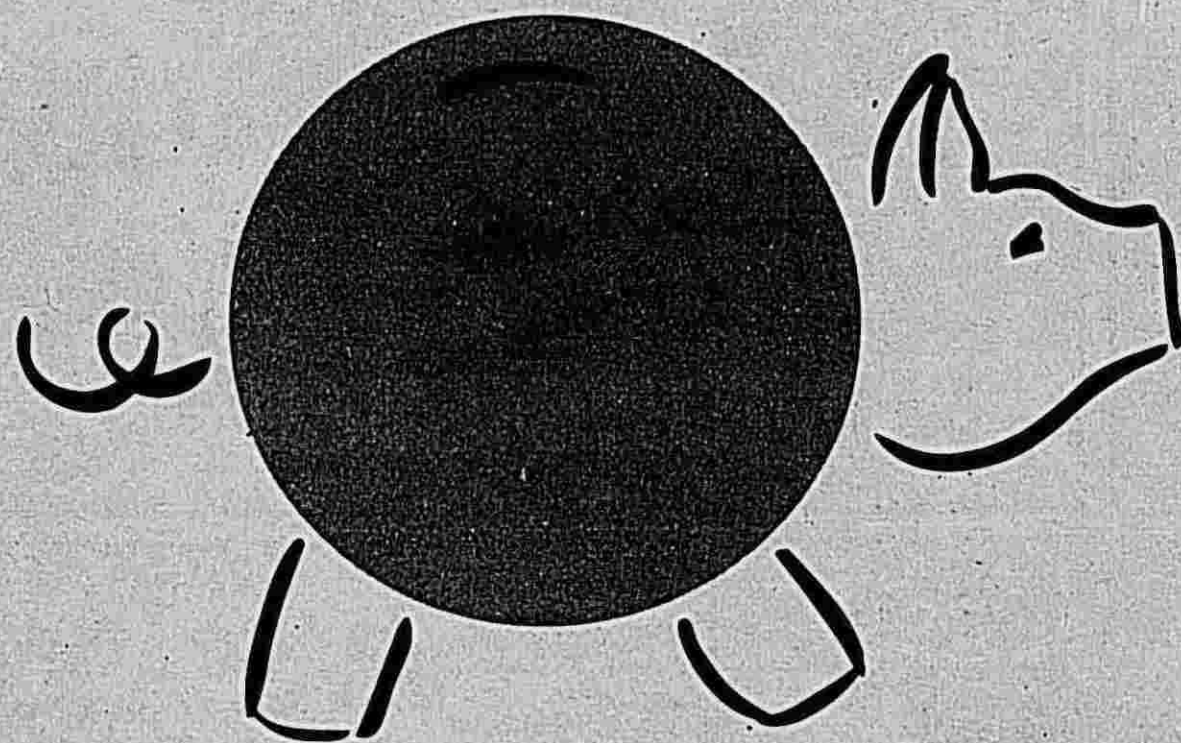
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BOYS BASKETBALL: MUNDELEIN 85, ANTIOCH 41

Triple threat too much for Sequoits

By DANIEL J. PATRICK

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LAKE VILLA - Less than a day after a thrilling two-point upset victory against Johnsburg, 19th-seeded Antioch's magic ran out as No. 4 Mundelein trounced the Sequoits 85-41 in the Lakes Regional.

With a quick jumper from Antioch senior Royce Applegren, the Sequoits struck the first blow for the 2-0 lead. It would be their last lead of the night.

Mundelein, led by the potent Mustang trio of Raffi Mantilla (19 points, six rebounds), Pat Barron (14 points) and Navjot Singh (nine points, nine rebounds), ran a quick fast-break-based offense that put up 20 or more points in all but one quarter.

By halftime, the Mustangs had a comfortable 16-point lead, but didn't give the Sequoits any room to breathe in the second half. Led by Mantilla's 10-point third quarter outburst, Mundelein outscored Antioch 23-9, and in the fourth quarter, the Mustangs put up 25 to the Sequoits' 11.

"It's definitely a good way to start the tournament [with a 44-point win]," Mundelein coach Dick Knar said. "We started off with a frenetic pace, but we started to make mistakes. When we calmed down at halftime, we were really able to score."

Antioch followed Mundelein's usual run-and-gun

approach, but just couldn't keep up with the Mustangs' scoring. Mundelein was deadly from beyond the arc despite dry runs including an 0-for-6 spell. All in all, the Mustangs hit 11 three-pointers to the Sequoits' 1.

"My jumpshot felt good today," Mantilla said after drilling three three's. "We didn't start out so well, but our coaches let our shooters shoot when they're free. If you're open, you are free to shoot and you aren't afraid that you'll get pulled out of the game."

Sequoit senior Andre Sobalvarro was the lone Antioch player to score in double-digits with 12 points while junior Austin Grimm scored all six of his points in the fourth quarter.

As for the Mustangs, all but two players were able to score in the game.

Antioch 50, Johnsburg 48

Before the Mustangs even had a chance to live up to their No. 4 seeding, No. 19 Antioch was able to pull off an impressive 50-48 upset over No. 14 Johnsburg Monday night. Sobalvarro once again led the way with a game-high 14 points while senior guard Trevor Popp chipped in 10 in the win.

The game ended in dramatic fashion as Johnsburg had a chance to send the game into overtime with a driving layup with just more than a second left in the game. Luckily for the Sequoits, the layup rimmed out to send Antioch into the next round to meet the Mustangs.

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NEXTEL CUP SERIES

■ **Race:** UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400
 ■ **Where:** Las Vegas Motor Speedway (1.5 miles), 267 laps/400.5 miles.
 ■ **When:** Sunday, March 11
 ■ **Last year's winner:** Jimmie Johnson
 ■ **Qualifying record:** Kasey Kahne, Dodge, 174.904 mph, March 5, 2004.
 ■ **Race record:** Mark Martin, Ford, 146.554 mph, March 1, 1998.
 ■ **Last week:** It's not often that the terrain of Southern California reminds a Badger of home. For two years running, Cambridge, Wis.'s Matt Kenseth has come to California Speedway and felt as if it were home sweet home. It's not often that a flat tire smells like home cooking, either, but the one Kevin Harvick had in the waning

laps of the Auto Club 500 sure came in handy. Harvick, who won the Daytona 500 in a side-by-side finish, met disaster a week later when his Chevrolet had a flat tire at the worst possible time. The race had been stopped. Harvick's Chevy had been drawing ever closer to Kenseth's Ford when a grinding crash, one that knocked Toyota driver David Reutimann silly, occurred between turns three and four of the two-mile track. The crash happened on lap 243. After the red flag, the green flag was set to wave again with Harvick now right on Kenseth's bumper and four laps remaining. Harvick never took the green flag. He rolled down pit road with a flat tire. As a result, Kenseth won the race.

BUSCH SERIES

■ **Race:** Telcel-Motorola Mexico 200
 ■ **Where:** Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez (2.518 miles), 80 laps/201.44 miles.
 ■ **When:** Sunday, March 4
 ■ **Last year's winner:** Denny Hamlin
 ■ **Qualifying record:** Jorge Goeters, Ford, 103.366 mph, March 5, 2005.
 ■ **Race record:** Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 67.591 mph, March 6, 2005.
 ■ **Last week:** Matt Kenseth, in a Ford, won for the 22nd time in his career, winning the Stater Brothers 300 at California Speedway.

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK

■ **Race:** American Commercial Lines 200
 ■ **Where:** Atlanta Motor Speedway, Hampton, Ga. (1.54 miles), 130 laps/200.2 miles.
 ■ **When:** Friday, March 16
 ■ **Last year's winner:** Todd Bodine
 ■ **Qualifying record:** Rick Crawford, Ford, 182.735 mph, March 17, 2005.
 ■ **Race record:** Ron Hornaday Jr., Chevrolet, 142.424 mph, March 18, 2005.
 ■ **Last week:** Mike Skinner, in a Toyota, won the San Bernardino County 200 at California Speedway. It was his 20th career victory.

LAS VEGAS DATA



TOP 10 IN POINTS

NEXTEL CUP	
1. Mark Martin	335
2. Jeff Burton	-5
3. Jeff Gordon	-26
4. Kevin Harvick	-28
5. David Ragan	-65
6. Clint Bowyer	-71
7. Joe Nemechek	-76
8. J.J. Yeley	-84
9. Kyle Busch	-96
10. David Stremme	-99

BUSCH SERIES	
1. Kevin Harvick	345
2. Carl Edwards	-15
3. Matt Kenseth	-18
4. Dave Blaney	-36
5. Greg Biffle	-56
6. Denny Hamlin	-65
7. Tony Stewart	-73
8. Kyle Busch	-113
9. Regan Smith	-122
10. Marcos Ambrose	-142

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES	
1. Jack Sprague	355
Mike Skinner	355
3. Johnny Benson	-25
4. Ron Hornaday	-34
5. Todd Bodine	-49
6. Ted Musgrave	-57
7. Travis Kvapil	-65
8. Rick Crawford	-78
9. Mike Crafton	-83
10. Erik Darnell	-99

WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Matt Kenseth talks to a crew member in Daytona earlier this season.

► **Who's hot** — Matt Kenseth, who's won the first race at California two years in a row. ... Mark Martin, who leads the points despite the fact that he has no interest in winning the championship.

► **Who's not** — Kevin Harvick, who might have won the Auto Club 500 if not for flat tire at the worst possible moment. ... Tony Stewart, who has been fast in both races but ranks only 21st in the standings.

FEUD OF THE WEEK



Reutimann

Biffle

David Reutimann vs. Greg Biffle

Reutimann was shaken up in a fiery crash on lap 243 of the Auto Club 500. A tap from behind by Biffle's Ford sent Reutimann's Toyota into the California Speedway wall between turns three and four. The impact briefly left Reutimann stunned, but he was able to climb out of the burning car with the assistance of California Speedway safety personnel.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "The final laps of any race are dangerous, with drivers desperately trying to pick up positions. It's highly unlikely that Biffle wrecked Reutimann intentionally, but neither driver was available for comment afterward."

Smaller fuel tanks make patience even more important

By Monte Dutton
 NASCAR This Week

FONTANA, Calif. — The standard fuel-cell size is now about 18 gallons, or four less than at most tracks in the past. NASCAR is abandoning the 22-gallon tank that has been in use for decades. Lower capacity, obviously, means more pit stops during a 500-mile race.

"When you pit more often, it can go either way," said Casey Mears. "You might start to feel more comfortable and start pushing the limits because you've done it 10 times already, but you've got to hold yourself

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back and say, 'All right, right here is not where we need to pass 10 guys; we just need to come out where we came in, and if we can pick up a spot or two, great.' You need to be patient because a small mistake is a big mistake on pit road because you lose so much time."

The heat is on — Team Red Bull is feeling the pressure. Neither of its drivers, Brian Vickers and A.J. Allmendinger, made the Daytona 500, and

only Vickers made the field at California Speedway.

"The best thing we can do right now," said Vickers' crew chief, Doug Richert, "is exactly what we've been doing: building the best cars we can and racing them as best we know how. There are a lot of smart, talented and experienced guys working on these cars. It's just a matter of time before we get our race cars competitive and get to where we want to be on the speed charts."

Surprise, surprise — Coming

off his runner-up finish in the Daytona 500, Mark Martin decided to make his schedule slightly less limited.

He'll be back in the No. 01 Chevrolet come July at Daytona for the Pepsi 400. That boosts Martin's Cup schedule to 23 of the 36 Cup races and backs up rookie Regan Smith to 13 races.

"I just don't see any reason not to go back to Daytona and see if we can't finish the job in July," said Martin.

Lawless — Elliott Sadler said he was glad NASCAR officials

ignored their own rules at the end of the Daytona 500.

"As a fan of NASCAR and a competitor now," said Sadler, "I'm glad they didn't throw the caution. This is our Daytona 500. This is our Super Bowl of racing. Don't make it where NASCAR should be that much involved in who won the race. Let the boys race, and it ended up being a great finish."

"Every NBA Finals I've ever watched, the referees let the guys play a little bit more. ... I think it was the right call for the race and the situation and the circumstances. I think they made the right call."

BOYS BASKETBALL: Waukegan 73, Grayslake North 41

Speedy Bulldogs too much for rookie Knights

By DANIEL J. PATRICK
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CARY – Grayslake North's first foray into the boys basketball postseason began with a bang. That is, a bang from an ill-fated Waukegan warm-up dunk

that belied of the Waukegan 73-41 victory.

With two pregame technical foul shots, Grayslake North led 2-0. Unfortunately for the Knights, that lead didn't last long.

Waukegan's tenacious ath-

leticism led to multiple turnovers (20 total) and a speedy fast break offense that put Grayslake North in a 22-9 first quarter deficit. From there, it got worse for the young Knights as the 10-16 Bulldogs proceeded to outscore North in every sub-

sequent quarter.

"We still had athleticism problems where we're not boxing out well enough," Grayslake North coach Todd Grunloh said. "It's pretty much an impossible task to keep [Waukegan] off the boards. In the second half, they switched it up to man ... and they picked up the pace the way they wanted to and that was the difference."

Despite the final score, North showed some brief moments of brilliance.

After the Bulldogs were able to run up the score in the first and third quarters, the Knights were able to slow Waukegan down with a zone defense that limited point production in the second and fourth stanzas to 11 and 15 points, respectively.

Junior Noel DeLaMar was a bright spot for the Knights as he scored 16, including 10 of North's 14 fourth quarter points.

Waukegan was rather demo-

cratic on offense as Naudgee Carpenter led with 14 points and three steals while Rashaan Melvin added 13 points and seven rebounds, and Josh Nickerson finished with 13

points, five rebounds and four steals. Six-foot-six big man Justin Richmond also turned in a fine performance with nine points, eight rebounds and three blocks.

"Richmond and Nickerson really stepped

"We still had athleticism problems where we're not boxing out well enough."

Todd Grunloh

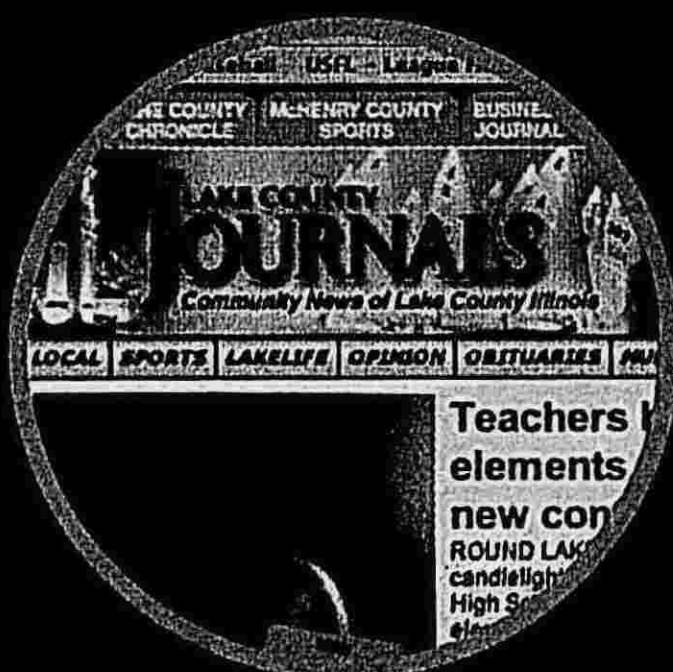
Grayslake North boys basketball coach

"

up because they're our two seniors," Bulldog coach Al Rogers said. "They both understand that it's win and go on or lose and go home and I don't think they want to end their season right now."

With the loss, Grayslake North ends its inaugural boys basketball varsity run at 1-26. Waukegan faced Cary-Grove in the regional semifinal on Feb. 28, results were not available at press time.

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Warren center's improved second half doesn't earn win

• BOOTHE

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So what went wrong against the Bison?

Buffalo Grove head coach Tom Dineen gave much of the credit to junior forward Allison Mocchi, who had the tough assignment of guarding Boothe man-to-man for most of the game.

When Boothe was in the paint, the 5-foot-10 Mocchi was right there, sealing the junior center off and keeping her away from most rebound opportunities.

Mocchi had similar success, Dineen said, in last year's Supersectional battle with the Blue Devils.

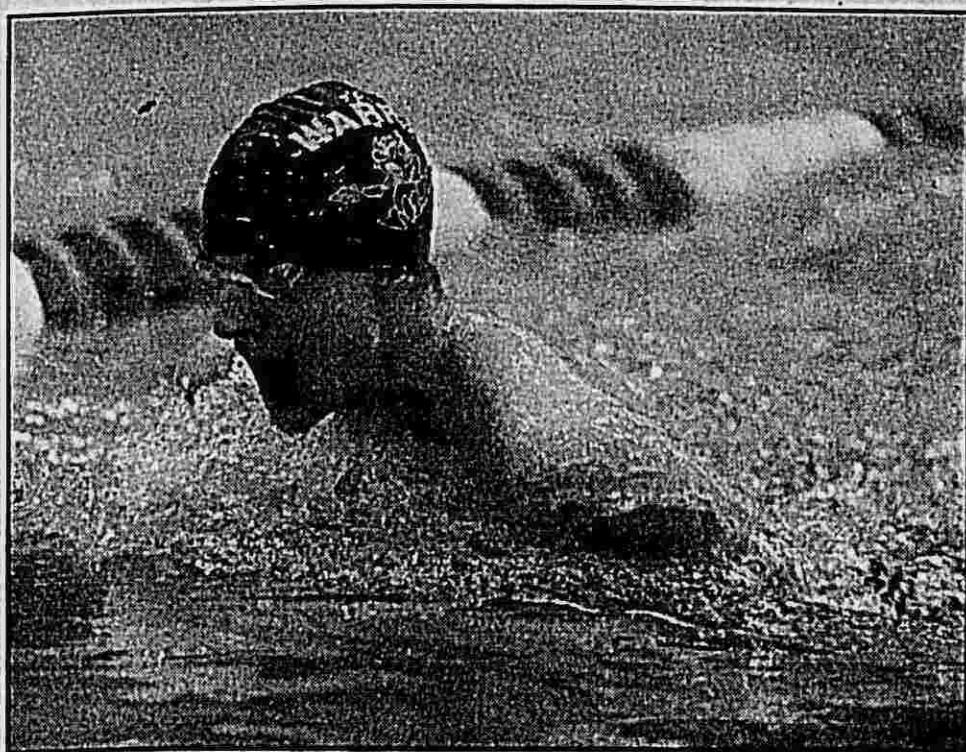
"Allison's job on Sarah was just awesome," he said. "Individually, Allison two years in a row now has really shut down Sarah."

On top of Mocchi's individual exploits, Warren head coach John Stanczykiewicz credited Buffalo Grove's help defense on Boothe.

He added that, because Boothe was guarding Bison junior center Ellen Ayoub, who often prefers the perimeter to posting up, Boothe was not in the paint as much as usual.

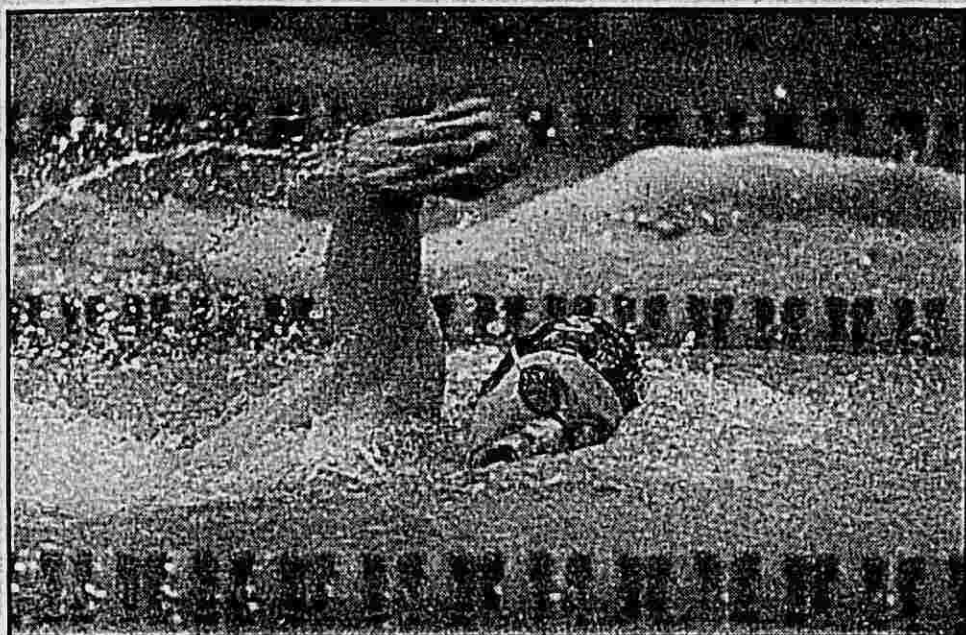
"For most of the season, Sarah's been able to stay in the lane because the girl she was guarding played a traditional post position or [was] only a threat to score ... near the basket," Stanczykiewicz said. "In this game, Sarah has to guard a kid [in Ayoub] that's their first or second [best] three-point shooter."

Boothe was more successful on the boards in the second half, pulling down six rebounds. But, by that point, the Bison had built a comfortable lead.



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Brandon Olsen, of Warren, competes in the 200-yard individual medley during the IHSA Swimming and Diving State Meet Preliminaries.



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Ben Glick, of Libertyville, competes in the 500-yard freestyle during the IHSA Swimming and Diving State Meet Preliminaries.

New Trier wins meet for second year in a row

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He credited Ian Sokoloski, also a senior Mustang, with setting him straight and motivating him to turn out his fastest 50 to date (21.48).

There is more to Slattery's accomplishment than meets the eye: the Los Angeles native did not start swimming until he hit high school.

Swimming veterans often joke they've been swimming as long as they've been walking, so his speed in light of his experience is somewhat of an anomaly.

Stevenson's 200 freestyle relay team of Duncan Partridge, Jamie Clark, Chris Finocchi and Matt Duncan clinched fifth place during finals with a time of 1:27.59. The finish was the best posted by an NSC team at

the meet.

Additionally, Partridge won the consolation heat of the 100 free (46.62).

Stevenson diver Sean Valley placed seventh (397.80) in the diving competition.

Libertyville senior Scott Brzezinski's 363.80 earned him the 11th spot.

Normally, 12 divers compete on the meet's second day. However, a tied score allowed an extra diver to compete.

Meet officials declared the situation a "first."

For the second year in a row, New Trier won the meet.

They also swept the relays, with Trevians Stephen Pendleton, Michael Wilson, Joe Welnhofner and Ben Wampler off the state mark in the 200 free relay by 0.02. Lake Forest set that record in 2003, when the Scouts also won the team title.

Check out the North Suburban Conference competitors

Team Standings

Winnetka New Trier, 177; Glenview Glenbrook South, 129; Naperville Neuqua Valley, Naperville North, 108; (16) Lake Forest, 23; (19) LaGrange Lyons, Lincolnshire Stevenson, 18; (30) Mundelein, Urbana, 7; (35) Aurora Waubonsie Valley, Libertyville, Riverside-Brookfield, 2.

200-Yard Freestyle

1. Chris Peterson, St. Charles North, 1:39.74; 2. Kevin Overholt, Naperville Neuqua Valley, 1:40.98; 3. Stephen Pendleton, Winnetka New Trier, 1:41.17; 12. Mitch Stoeher, Lake Forest, 1:43.73.

200-Yard Individual Medley

1. Brett Lullo, Naperville Central, 1:50.57; 2. James Ridgeway, Chicago St. Patrick, 1:51.89; 3. Conor Handley, Naperville North, 1:53.66.

50-Yard Freestyle

1. Brian Alden, Naperville Neuqua Valley, 20.14; 2. Jake Grosser, St. Charles East, 20.64; 3. Ben Wampler, Winnetka New Trier, 20.88; 6. James Doetsch, Lake Forest, 21.29; 7. Aaron Slattery, Mundelein, 21.48.

100-Yard Butterfly

1. Brett Lullo, Naperville Central,

49.57; 2. Andrew Schmitt, Glenview Glenbrook South, 50.09; 3. Nick Garvy, Lisle Benet Academy, 50.33.

100-Yard Freestyle

1. Brian Alden, Naperville Neuqua Valley, 44.86; 2. Jake Grosser, St. Charles East, 46.0; 3. Colin Cordes, Glenview Glenbrook South, 46.16; 7. Duncan Partridge, Lincolnshire Stevenson, 46.62.

500-Yard Freestyle

1. Chris Peterson, St. Charles North, 4:34.40; 2. Alex Fraser, Darien Hinsdale South, 4:36.75; 3. Ben Hengels, Glenview Glenbrook South, 4:38.02; 6. Mitch Stoeher, Lake Forest, 4:44.19.

100-Yard Backstroke

1. Colin Cordes, Glenview Glenbrook South, 51.47; 2. Will Vodak, Winnetka New Trier, 51.67; 3. Jason Choi, Northbrook Glenbrook North, 51.82.

100-Yard Breaststroke

1. James Ridgeway, Chicago St. Patrick, 56.52; 2. Kevin Puskaric, Frankfort Lincoln-Way East, 56.65; 3. Will Ikeda, Skokie Niles North, 58.81.

200-Yard Medley Relay

1. Winnetka New Trier (Will Vodak,

Joe Welnhofner, Sam Metz, Ben Wampler), 1:35.11; 2. Glenview Glenbrook South, 1:35.44; 3. St. Charles North, 1:36.92; 3. Naperville Central, 1:36.11.

200-Yard Freestyle Relay

1. Winnetka New Trier (Stephen Pendleton, Michael Wilson, Joe Welnhofner, Ben Wampler), 1:23.41; 2. St. Charles East, 1:23.93; 3. Naperville North, 1:24.07; 11. Lincolnshire Stevenson (Duncan Partridge, Jamie Clark, Chris Finocchi, Matt Duncan), 1:27.59.

400-Yard Freestyle Relay

1. Winnetka New Trier (Stephen Pendleton, Ben Wampler, Mike Dominski, Will Vodak), 3:06.10; 2. Naperville North, 3:07.03; 3. Glenview Glenbrook South, 3:07.49.

Diving

1. Wes Villafior, Glenview Glenbrook South, 483.70; 2. Jordan Dyson, Darien Hinsdale South, 455.85; 3. Philip Devine, Byron, 454.40; 7. Sean Valley, Lincolnshire Stevenson, 397.80; 11. Scott Brzezinski, Libertyville, 363.80.

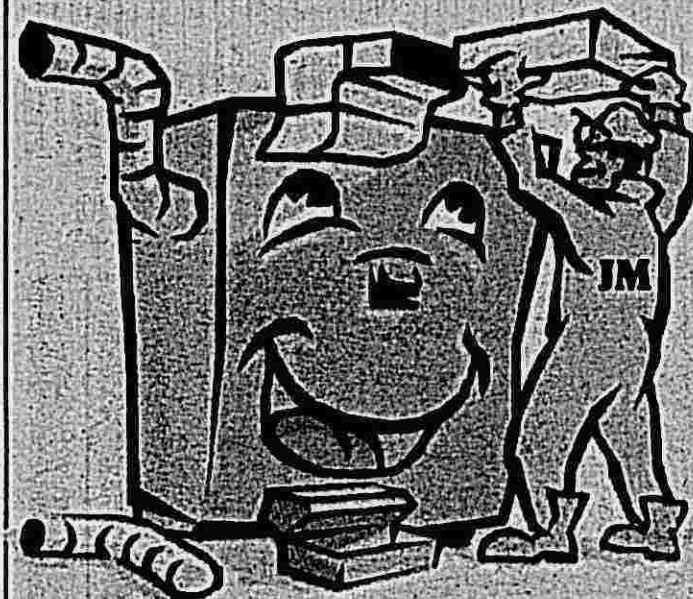
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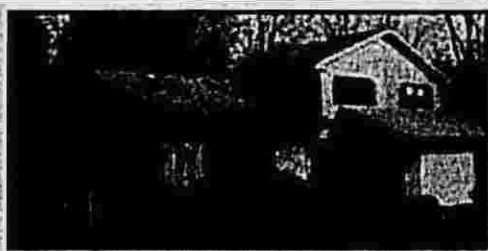
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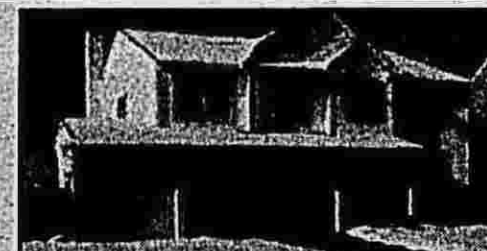


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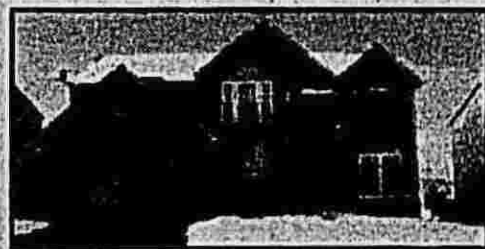


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New trends in home spaces

Families are doing more and more entertaining at home, continuing the "nesting" trend. Therefore, builders are offering houses that feature a greater percentage of interior area rather than outdoor acreage — the latest in home-building trends. As such, newer rooms are cropping up as must-have spaces. Here's a rundown on some other rooms to consider for your floorplan.

Mudrooms and Laundry Rooms — Once stashed away in the basement or another dark corner, these rooms are now getting updated and offer more flow into other living areas. More than ever, laundry rooms are being placed on the main level of the house — off a kitchen or bathroom for easy

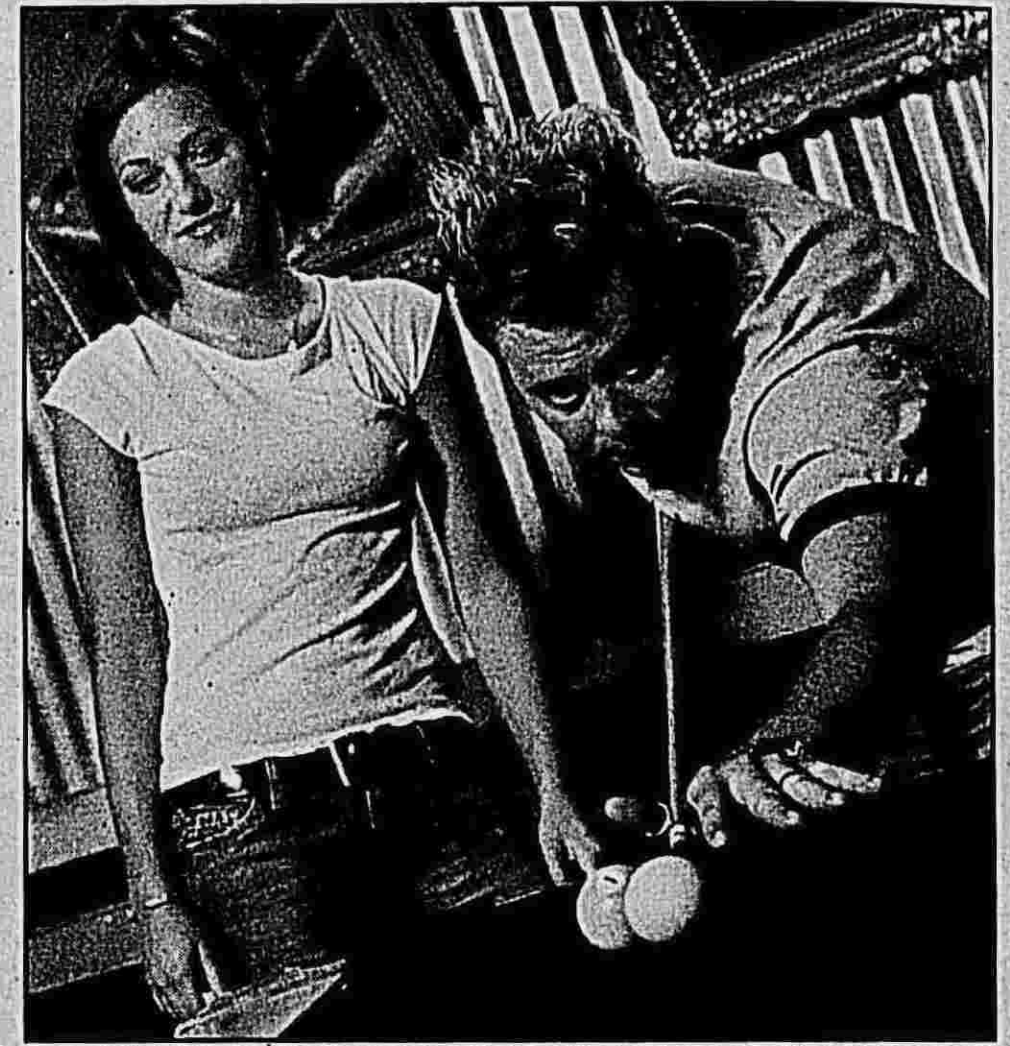
plumbing hookup. This allows families whose dirty laundry might pile up faster than dirty dishes to easily keep it manageable and contained in one area rather than in piles in the bedrooms. Organizational shelving, closets and cabinetry keep laundry/mudrooms in order and can also hide cleaning products and hampers. For those who must have a laundry area on the basement level, chutes installed throughout the house that connect to the basement eliminate the need to carry baskets of clothes downstairs for washing.

Home Theaters — Now that the surround-sound systems and projection television or plasma television screens have become much more affordable,

many people are opting to include a home theater in their design scheme. It offers the convenience of enjoying movies at home in an intimate space that is convenient for you. A home theater room allows for unique social opportunities as well — you can invite friends and family over for a "movie night," or use it to occupy the kids when the weather isn't ideal for outdoor activities.

Billiard/Recreation Rooms — Many people like the idea of a room to house all of their "toys." From pool tables to dart boards to chess sets, game rooms offer the ideal place for activities. They also offer the adults a distinct space where they can socialize and entertain guests away from the children. Game rooms can also be designed around the younger set, to include video game hubs, toys and a television. Again, this keeps the kids' toys contained to one area rather than strewn all around the house.

• **Outdoor rooms** — From the former "Florida Rooms" to greenhouses to outdoor kitchens, homeowners are bringing the indoors outside. Perfect for areas with a moderate climate, these rooms can be fully furnished spaces that take design hues and styles from the great outdoors. Glass-enclosed greenhouses or solariums offer a retreat where you can enjoy nature without the hassle of insects and pests. Plus, this room can house foliage year-round for



Today's new-construction homes are larger and feature a variety of different rooms, including recreation and game rooms.

those who live where the seasons change dramatically. Outdoor kitchens and other living spaces provide an interesting living space for homeowners who love to entertain in the open air.

• **Great rooms** — Living rooms and dining rooms have stepped aside to make way for the "great room." These oversized spaces are well known for their open layout and multipurpose sensibility. They're often rooms for family living — maximizing space to accommodate larger amounts of people. These rooms are often designed to be

warm and inviting, and can easily benefit by including plush furniture in the space, and rich tones on the walls.

• **Master suite** — Today's master bedrooms have been expanded to include more than just a sleeping and washing area. They're now being remodeled to imitate the luxuries of lavish hotels and vacation destinations, functioning as a secluded retreat. These suites can include anything from a wardrobe area to a private bathroom spa to a workout center to a reading nook, in addition to sleeping quarters.



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There are many reasons to use slipcovers in your home. Perhaps you've just moved, and your current sofa set doesn't quite match the new color scheme. Maybe you've just had a baby and you want to protect your furniture from wear and tear. Or you like the versatility of being able to change the look of a room on a whim. Whatever the reason, here are some handy tips when considering slipcovers.

Slipcover styles

Slipcovers come in different types, varying by fit and price, color and pattern. The most basic is a loose-fitting cover that can be tossed over the sofa to cover it. There is little tucking required, or shape to this type of slipcover. Typically, this is an inexpensive find carried by most major department stores. The next grade of slipcover is one that is more fitted. It might be constructed with elastic around the base skirt, and it will probably be a little more tailored to fit the shape of a sofa. It will not be a custom-fit — you'll still have to do your share of tucking and adjusting to achieve a look that closely resembles an upholstered sofa — but it will be appealing to the eye. Select department stores carry fitted slipcovers as well as specialty interior design shops. Custom-designed slipcovers are the priciest of the bunch. Here, your sofa is measured by a representative from the slipcover manufacturer, interior designer or furniture store, and a slip-

Fit tips

Each slipcover manufacturer will offer guidelines on choosing one that is the right size. They will probably carry standard sizes, such as recliner, large chair, love seat and sofa. Follow the manufacturers' directions for measuring across the width of your furniture to determine the cover that will be the closest fit. Some other ways to achieve a proper fit include:

- **Tucking trouble** — If your sofa is void of a suitable tucking area, meaning there is no crease between the sofa back and the arms, create neat pleats in the slipcover, by folding over sections, and then tuck as usual into where the bottom cushions meet the seat back.

- **Thin arms** — Beef up the arms of your sofa with some upholstery batting from a fabric supply store or craft center to fill out your slipcover. Most slipcovers are designed to accommodate the thick arms of today's sofa styles.

- **Slipping and sliding** — If you are placing a slipcover over a leather or vinyl sofa, it may slide around a bit. Use nonskid strips, similar to those used under area rugs, placed directly on the sofa before you put on your slipcover to keep things in place.

- **Techniques for tucking** — Use a wooden spoon to tuck into hard-to-reach areas. In addition, use a magazine rolled up and secured with a rubber band or specially-designed foam tubes sold at stores that carry slipcovers. They often may also be ordered

directly from slipcover manufacturers. Consult with the store for more information.

- **Wrinkle reducer** — To take care of wrinkles, throw the slipcover in the dryer with a damp towel for a few minutes. Just check the cleaning and care tag first to make sure the dryer won't damage the fabric. In many cases, the dryer can also be used to shrink the slipcover to ensure a better fit.

Slipcover fabrics

There are many fabrics and styles used today for premade slipcovers. They're designed to be durable and easy to care for. It is easy to locate a cover that will work for your particular design scheme. Here are some common fabrics and their wearability:

- **Cotton Blends:** Fiber contents vary. Easy-care, lightweight fabric that drapes beautifully. Fabric becomes softer after just one washing. Wrinkle-resistant — remove promptly from the dryer and it needs no ironing.

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- **Olefin Blends:** Fiber contents vary. Olefin is a favorite upholstery fabric because it is strong, lightweight, stain-resistant, and colorfast. The blending of Olefin with polyester, cotton and acrylic fibers creates machine-washable slipcovers perfect for everyday family life.

- **Suede Look:** 100 percent polyester. This cloth is characterized by a soft, napped surface. It drapes beautifully and is machine washable.

Bright ideas for kitchens

Natural light and improved ventilation enhance kitchens

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This new technology allows homeowners to lighten and darken the glass with the touch of a remote and the view of the sky is never lost.

The trend toward additional daylighting in kitchens is driven not only by homeowner desires for bright, open, energy-efficient spaces, but also by health considerations.

Adding more natural light to the kitchen, where families tend to gather much of the time for studying and socializing in addition to dining, has many health benefits. Studies show that Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), evidenced by emotional depression, a drop in physical energy, increased appetite, and need for more sleep, is directly linked to a lack of sufficient daylight. Also, we need vitamin D for calcium to be absorbed by the body to strengthen teeth, bones and tissue to maintain a healthy skeleton throughout life.

Research shows that two sources of vitamin D are diet and sunlight, and in healthy human bodies, 80 percent of vitamin D is produced in the skin when it is exposed to natural light.

Lighting designers and other housing professionals can help homeowners select a combination of natural and artificial lighting methods that will make kitchens even more pleasant and functional.

Lighter and brighter. That's a winning combination in most rooms but in the kitchen it's a slam dunk.

Experts say to lighten cabinets, countertops, walls and floors and you're halfway there. Add skylights to fill the room with healthful natural light, plus more ventilation, and you've economically upgraded one of the most used areas of your home. And skylights don't take up wall space like vertical windows, so you have more space for shelves or cabinets or for decorating.

Light from above makes all rooms more functional and livable. But kitchens are especially enjoyable for family and guests when they are bright, cheerful, and free of cooking odors, heat and humidity. Venting skylights in the kitchen release hot air, moisture, and odors while admitting additional light for more pleasant cooking, dining and entertaining.

Skylights, along with accessories including blinds and shades, can be controlled manually or by remote control with the touch of a button.



Abundant natural light and ventilation make kitchens more functional and enjoyable for cooking, socializing, and for family life.

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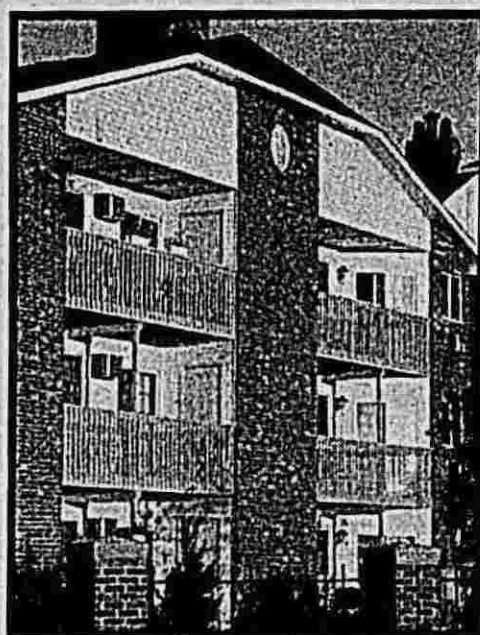
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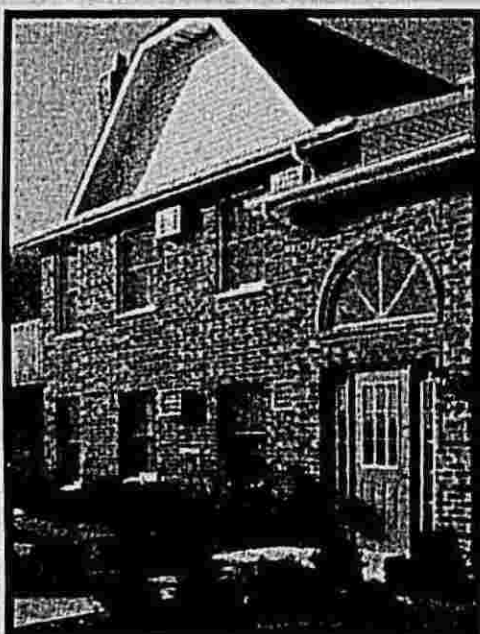
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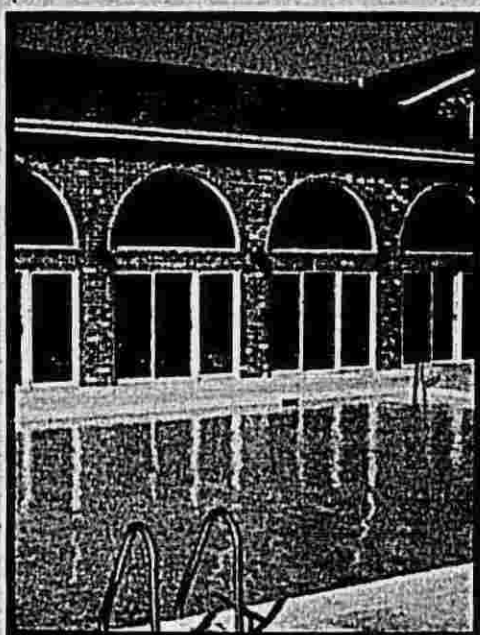
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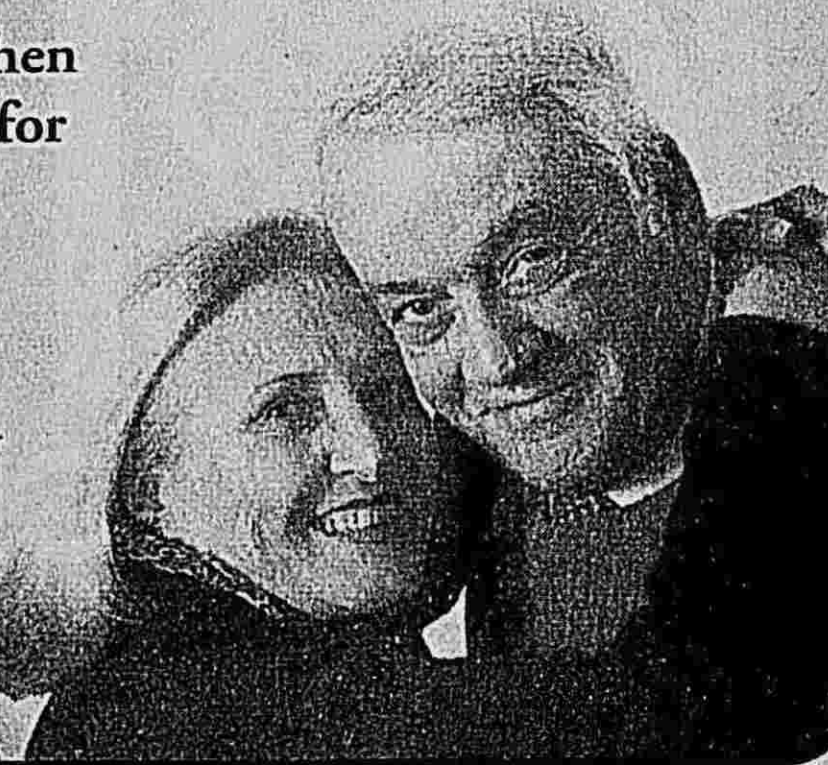
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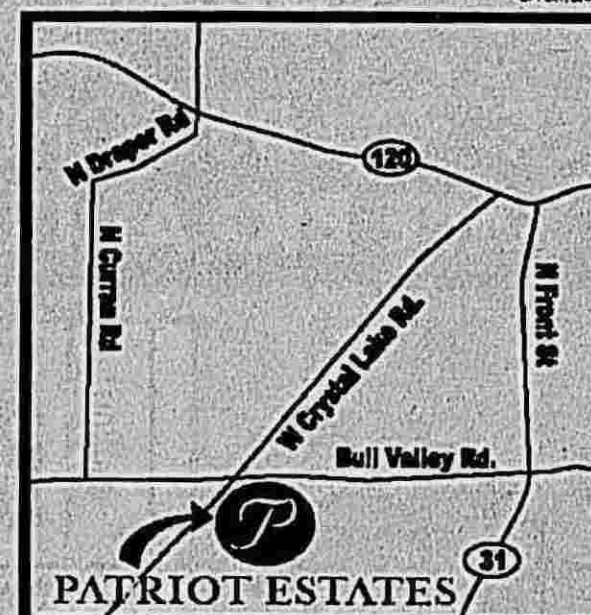


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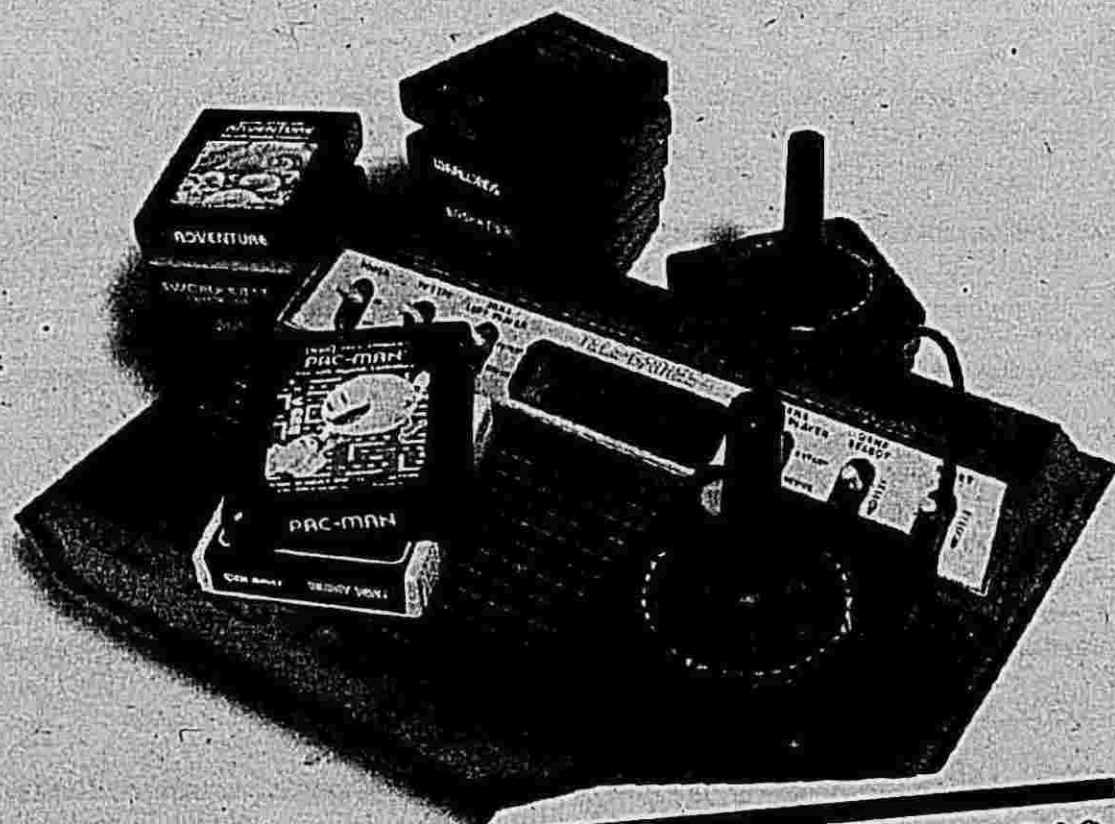
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Public notice is hereby
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tion on file in the Village
Clerk's office of the Village
of Fox Lake, that a public
hearing will be held on
March 22, 2007 at 7:30
p.m. in the Village Hall,

Legals 8100

Fox Lake, Illinois, to hear
the Petition of Michael
Trinski, owner of the fol-
lowing described real es-
tate to-wit:

Richard G. Gremley &
Roy N. Miller, Sub Lot 4

Location of property is:
North on Route 12 to Fox
Lake Rd., West on Broad-
way, East on Fortress

The common address is:
1117 Fortress Dr.

Petitioner is requesting
the following: A Special
Use for a helicopter land-
ing area

Said Petition is available
for examination in the Vil-
lage Clerk's office at the
Village Hall in Fox Lake,
Illinois

All interested persons
are invited to attend said
hearing and be heard.

Respectfully submitted

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Ron Stochl, Chairman
Fox Lake Zoning
Board of Appeals
Dated at Fox Lake, Illinois
This 2 day of March, 2007.
(Published in the Fox Lake
Journal, March 2, 2007.)

PUBLIC NOTICE

On February 20, 2007
the Corporate Authorities
of the Northern Moraine
Wastewater Reclamation
District, Lake and McHenry
Counties, Illinois passed
and adopted Ordinance
07-3, an Ordinance Estab-
lishing Sewer Construc-
tion/Acceptance/Mainte-
nance Procedures and
Standard Specifications
and Design Requirements
of the Northern Moraine
Wastewater Reclamation
District, and said Ord-
inance having been pub-
lished in pamphlet form by
the Corporate Authorities
of the Northern Moraine
Wastewater Reclamation
District are available at the

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office of the Wastewater
Reclamation District Clerk.

Dorothy J. Bangle
Clerk

Northern Moraine Wase-
water Reclamation District
(Published in the the
Wauconda Journal, March
2, 2007.)

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Wastewater Reclamation
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ANTIOCH	\$700-\$800	1-2	1	Coin Op	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Window Unit
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MEADOWDALE APARTMENTS 303 L. W. Besinger Dr. (847) 428-6404	Amenities: 2 play areas, Private storage, close to Metra, close to shopping, beautiful landscape grounds.										
CARY	\$1700	3	2	In Unit	Yes	No	1 year	No	2-Car Attached	No	Yes
CAMBIA TOWNHOUSES 2915 N. Richmond Rd. (847) 202-5510	Amenities: English basement, Executive living, landmarkmm.net										
CRYSTAL LAKE	\$695-\$920	1-2	1	Coin Op	Yes	Cats & Dogs	1 year	No	Available	No	Yes
CRYSTAL LAKE APARTMENTS 132 W. Wood stock St. (815) 455-5510	Amenities: Call for list of amenities.										
FOX LAKE	\$875	2	2	Yes	Yes	Cats Neut, decl	1 year	No	Optional	No	Window Units
BREEZY POINT APARTMENTS (847) 331-5268	Amenities: Lake views, near shopping and train, free heat & gas cooking.										
HUNTLEY	\$815-\$835	2	2	Coin Op	Yes	Cats	1 year	No	Available	No	Yes
WOODCREEK APARTMENTS 11703 Woodcreek Dr. East (847) 669-1800	Amenities: 2 play areas, Private storage, close to Metra, close to shopping, beautiful landscape grounds.										
MCHENRY	\$760-\$1158	1-3	1-2	In Unit	Yes	Yes	Flexible	Yes (2)	No	Yes	Wall Unit
GREENS OF IRISH PRAIRE 4300 W. Shamrock Lane (815) 363-0322	Amenities: play area, tennis, volleyball courts, close to Metra, extra storage.										
RICHMOND	\$710-\$950	1-2	1-2	In Unit	Yes	Yes	Mln. 3 mo	Yes	Yes	Yes	Wall Unit
THE HIGHLANDS OF KENSINGTON MANOR 8400 Conat Blvd. (815) 678-4727	Amenities: Spa										
WAUCONDA	\$700-\$1000	1-2-3	1-2	Coin Op	Yes		Yes	No	No	No	Yes
OAK TERRACE & LEGION COURTS APT303 114 David Ln (847) 526-9228	Amenities: None										
WOODSTOCK	\$736-\$785	1-2	1	Coin Op	Yes	Cats & sm Dogs	Flexible	No	No	Yes	Window Unit
AUTUMNWOOD APARTMENTS 717 Irving Ave. (815) 334-9380	Amenities: 2 play areas, Private storage, close to Metra, close to shopping, beautiful landscape grounds.										
WOODSTOCK	\$741-\$870	1-2	1-2	Coin Op	Yes	Cats	Flexible	Yes	Included	Yes	Yes
SILVER CREEK APARTMENTS 303 L. W. Besinger Dr. (847) 428-6404	Amenities: Small, clean community										

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ished in pamphlet form by the Corporate Authorities of the Northern Moraine Wastewater Reclamation District are available at the office of the Wastewater Reclamation District Clerk.

Dorothy J. Bangle
Clerk

Northern Moraine Wastewater Reclamation District (Published in the *Wauconda Journal*, March 2, 2007.)

PUBLIC NOTICE**AFFORDABLE SELF STORAGE**

Affordable Self Storage will dispose of goods for nonpayment of rent from unit #137 belonging to Brandy Kuenhold consisting of various household goods.

Disposal of the items will take place at Affordable Self Storage 133 S. Rt. 12 Fox Lake, IL on Saturday, March 17, 2007 at 10:00 am.
(Published in the *Fox Lake Journal*, March 2 & 9, 2007.)

PUBLIC NOTICE**WARREN TOWNSHIP**

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposal will be received at the office of the Highway Department, Warren Township at 17801 W. Washington Street, Gurnee, Illinois 60031 until 9:00 o'clock A.M. on Tuesday March 13, 2007 for furnishing of the following material:

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Proposals shall be made on forms furnished by the Township Highway Commissioner, and shall be addressed in a sealed envelope to: Warren Township Highway Department, c/o Margaret Keenan-Dennis, Town Clerk 17801 W. Washington Street, Gurnee, Illinois 60031 and shall be marked "Material Proposal-Letting of March 13, 2007."

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Gerald E. Rudd
Warren Township
Highway Commissioner
(Published in the *Gurnee Journal*, March 2, 2007.)

PUBLIC NOTICE**AFFORDABLE SELF STORAGE**

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various household goods.

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(Published in the *Fox Lake Journal*, March 2 & 9, 2007.)

Assumed Name 8200**PUBLIC NOTICE****ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION**

Name of Business:
Awe Inspiring Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning
Nature/Purpose:
Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning

Address(es) where business is to be conducted or transacted in this county:
509 Greenwood, Round Lake Park, IL, 847-708-5050

Name(s) and post office or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting business:
Michael Coates, 509 Greenwood, Round Lake Park, IL, 847-708-5050

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location (s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Michael Coates
February 7, 2007

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 7th day of February, 2007.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Linda M. Paulson
Notary Public

Received: Feb. 07, 2007
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
(Published in the *Lake County Journals*, February 16, 23 & March 2, 2007.)

PUBLIC NOTICE**ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION**

Name of Business:
Freyja Marketing
Nature/Purpose:
Ebay Auctions

Address(es) where business is to be conducted or transacted in this county:
421 Fairhaven Ln., Mundelein, IL 60060, 847-970-6687

Name(s) and post office or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting business:
MaryBeth Murdock, 421 Fairhaven Ln., Mundelein, IL 60060, 847-970-6687;
Gordon Li Murdock, 421 Fairhaven Ln., Mundelein, IL 60060, 847-970-6687

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Assumed Name 8200

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/s/ MaryBeth Murdock
/s/ Gordon L. Murdock
February 16, 2007

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 12th day of February, 2007.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Linda M. Paulson
Notary Public

Received: Feb. 16, 2007
/s/ Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
(Published in the *Lake County Journals*, March 2, 9 & 16, 2007.)

PUBLIC NOTICE**ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION**

Name of Business:
H & N Lock & Safe
Nature/Purpose:
Mobile Locksmith

Address(es) where business is to be conducted or transacted in this county:
1702 Fairfield, Lindenhurst, IL 60046, 847-245-7990

Name(s) and post office or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting business:
Bruce Hoff, 1702 Fairfield, Lindenhurst, IL 60046, 847-245-7990;
Julie Hoff, 1702 Fairfield, Lindenhurst, IL 60046, 847-245-7990

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/s/ Bruce Hoff
/s/ Julie Hoff
February 21, 2007

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/s/ Thomas C. Wasmund
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Received: Feb. 21, 2007
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PUBLIC NOTICE**ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION**

Name of Business:
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Nature/Purpose:
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Address(es) where business is to be conducted or transacted in this county:
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Name(s) and post office or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting business:
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/s/ R. Kirk Johnson
February 12, 2007

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 12th day of February, 2007.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Tammy Sheffer
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Received: Feb. 12, 2007
/s/ Willard R. Helander
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PUBLIC NOTICE**ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION**

Name of Business:
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Nature/Purpose:
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Address(es) where business is to be conducted or transacted in this county:
2220 N. Northern Ave., Waukegan, IL 60087, 847-596-4994

Name(s) and post office or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting business:
Katherine Monrouzeau, 2220 N. Northern Ave., Waukegan, IL 60087, 847-596-4994

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/s/ Katherine Monrouzeau
February 21, 2007

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OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Linda M. Paulson
Notary Public

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PUBLIC NOTICE**ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION**

Name of Business:
Lupe and Son Landscaping
Nature/Purpose:
Landscaping

Address(es) where business is to be conducted or transacted in this county:
8250 W. Grass Lake Dr., Spring Grove, IL 60081, 847-587-1349

Name(s) and post office

Assumed Name 8200

or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting business:
Guadalupe Hernandez, 8250 W. Grass Lake Dr., Spring Grove, IL 60081, 847-587-1349

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/s/ Guadalupe Hernandez
February 23, 2007

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 23rd day of February, 2007.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Claudia C. Rodriguez
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/s/ Willard R. Helander
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PUBLIC NOTICE**ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION**

Name of Business:
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Nature/Purpose:
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Assumed Name 8200

Address(es) where business is to be conducted or transacted in this county:
327 Greentree Pkwy, Libertyville, IL 60048, 847-321-0032

Name(s) and post office or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting business:
Jason B. Miller, 327 Greentree Pkwy, Libertyville, IL 60048, 847-321-0032

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/s/ Jason B. Miller
February 7, 2007

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 7th day of February, 2007.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Tammy Sheffer
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Assumed Name 8200**PUBLIC NOTICE****ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION**

Name of Business:
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1624 Fallbrook Dr., Round Lake, IL 60073, 847-201-7088

Name(s) and post office or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting business:
Lisa Carlingello, 1624 Fallbrook Dr., Round Lake, IL 60073, 847-201-7088

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/s/ Lisa Carlingello
February 20, 2007

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 20th day of February, 2007.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Lorita M. Loar
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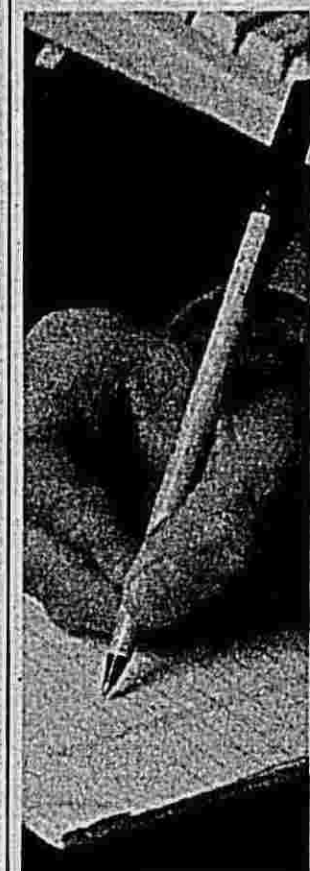
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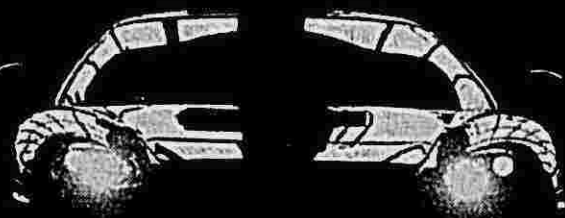
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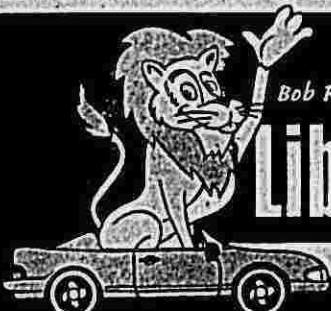
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Whether you're a classic car aficionado, an auto buff who appreciates the styling of vehicles from times past or a driver who has lived in that era and wants to regain the feeling of youth, retro vehicles, sometimes called "heritage," certainly fit the bill. These vehicles merge the familiar with new innovations.

Just take a look at some of the models that have come off of the assembly lines in recent years. Chrysler's PT Cruiser was one vehicle that turned heads immediately upon release in 2000. It resembles a 1920's gangster car and has even been likened to the ZZ-Top mobile. Since 2000, it has defied all expectations to become one of Chrysler's best-selling vehicles. The debate is still out on whether it's a station wagon, SUV, minivan or simply a hatchback, but its retro styling continues to garner admirers. And since Chrysler has addressed many of the complaints on performance and comfort, the PT Cruiser - and new descendants - remains an attractive, affordable vehicle. One of the first "classics" to experience a resurgence in popularity and some minor body restyling was

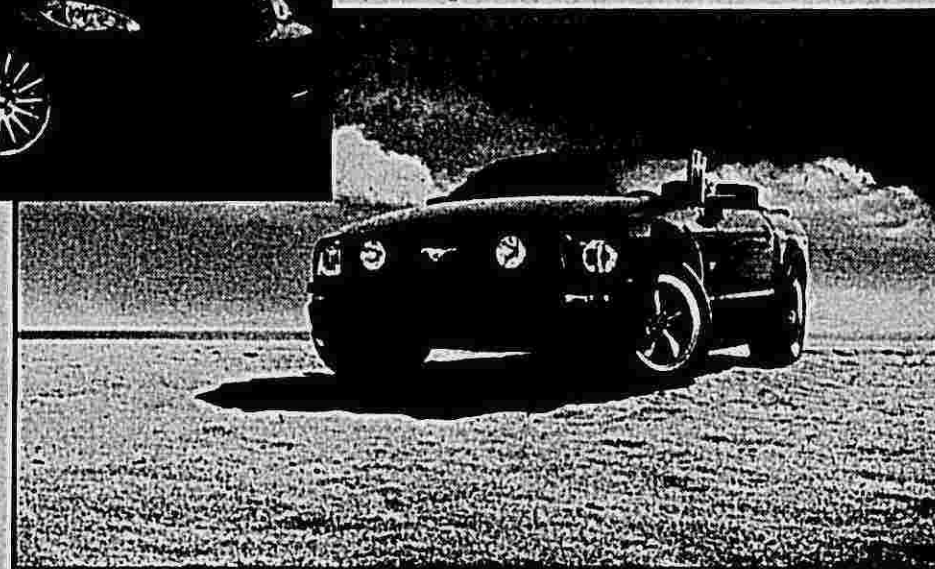
the Volkswagen Beetle. However, the New Beetle has failed to maintain the momentum of the PT Cruiser.

Ford Motor Company presented a number of "vintage" stylings both in concept and in execution in recent years. The company restyled and re-introduced the Ford Thunderbird with an old-school body type. Ford's concept Forty-Nine, unveiled in 2001, has a sleek, classic look that harkens back to the romance of a Friday night at the drive-in or bowling alley, listening to rock-and-roll and cruising "the strip." In 2004, Ford introduced its retro-styled Mustang and is now offering a convertible version.

At the end of 2005, Chevy released the HHR. It resembles a 1949 Chevrolet Suburban and the company's Chevy SSR roadster. While much of the styling is retro, it also offers a touch of the boxy, functional looks inherent to many of the vehicles on the road today.

This year Volkswagen introduces the Minibus, which is based on the original hippy Microbus. VW plans to market the Minibus as a lifestyle vehicle with room for mountain bikes and surfboards, but will twenty-somethings be enticed by its hippy look? There are those who feel that the vehicle should be equipped to handle the lifestyle changes of the aging Baby Boomer who may be more apt to purchase this vehicle.

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The PT Cruiser and the Mustang GT are just two of the vehicles that have people scratching their heads and wondering what year it is.

vehicles are old news. After all, how many of these autos can be on the road before they begin looking like copycats or lose their novelty? Perhaps the true test will be if the public continues to be hooked by the new releases from Detroit come next year.

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KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

There are about as many ways to make lasagna as there are Italian restaurants in the United States. We love the creamy yumminess of the classic lasagnas featured on page 21. But we also love spinach lasagna, squash lasagna and lasagna made with tofu. Creative or classic, we want your favorite lasagna recipe. Send to me at jmelton@pubgroup.com. Also if you want a groovy new recipe every other week, sign up for our e-letter at www.relishmag.com

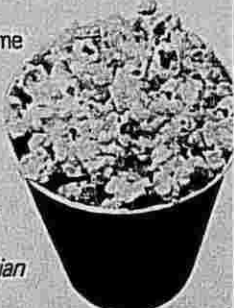
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Mindless Munching

We eat with our eyes more than you may realize. In fact, we are easily coaxed into eating more than we want—or need—by the size of our plate, the bulk of a box or who we're with. Food psychologist Brian Wansink describes this in his entertaining book *Mindless Eating: Why We Eat More Than We Think* (Bantam Dell, 2006). Based on his studies, here are ways these invisible cues may impact you:

- You're likely to eat 53 percent more popcorn from a big bucket than a medium one.
- When dishing up ice cream, you may eat 57 percent more if you use a large bowl and scoop compared to smaller ones.
- If you grab a low-fat snack instead of a regular version, you'll eat up to 50 percent more.
- You may consume 75 percent more calories if you eat with four people compared to dining alone.—*Janet Helm, a registered dietitian in Chicago*



This and That

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Local Eats

When you're homebound, the best way to experience a region's food is through its community cookbooks. These books, usually nonprofit ventures with proceeds going to a charity, hospital or school, are still thriving. Three we particularly liked are the *Palm Beach Palate Cookbook*, which is sprinkled with anecdotes about Palm Beach, Fla., *Entertaining with Friends Cookbook*, reflecting Middle Tennessee where its beneficiary, Vanderbilt University Children's Hospital is located, and *Simply Colorado*, which was assembled by dietitians in the Mountain State giving it the bonus of a nutrition analysis with every recipe. Go to www.palmbeachpalate.com for that book, www.amazon.com for the others.



The Big Easy

Were you one of the lucky girls on your block who got an Easy Bake Oven in 1963—the first year the child-size appliance was on the market? If so, it's time to celebrate. The Easy Bake Oven has been named to the National Toy Hall of Fame at the Strong National Museum of Play in Rochester, N.Y. "It's safe, it works, and the best part is that the play makes its own reward," says Strong Museum Curator Patricia Hogan. "Fifteen minutes in the oven and a slurpy, gooey, doughy concoction becomes a delicious—OK, edible—confection." Over the past 44 years, more than 23 million ovens have been sold. With its induction into the Hall of Fame, the Easy Bake Oven joins the ranks of 35 other classic toys, including roller skates, jacks, Crayola Crayons, Lincoln Logs and marbles. Take that, Gameboy!



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Make Your Calories Count

"The Hot Brown Sandwich (January 2007, www.relishmag.com), included as a way to provide calcium, contains nutritionally questionable ingredients like white bread and bacon and yields a whopping 30 grams of fat—sounds more like a recipe for obesity."—Susan Wolbarst, Davis, Calif.

Thanks for writing, Susan. We think a healthier way to look at our food is for what it contains, rather than what it lacks. The Hot Brown is a substantial open-faced sandwich that contains all four food groups and suffices as dinner. Granted, we need to watch fat and calories, but compared to a Big Mac and fries—dinner for lots of Americans—this delivers calcium, fiber and antioxidants in a more healthful and natural package.—The Editors

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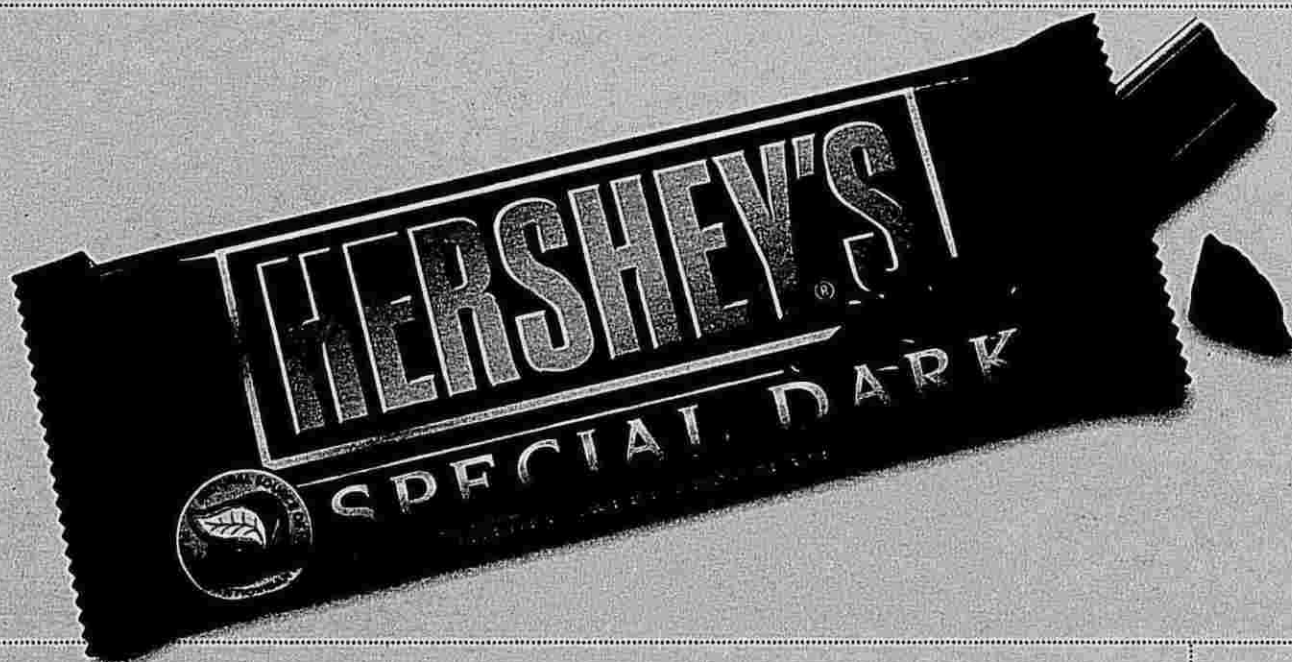
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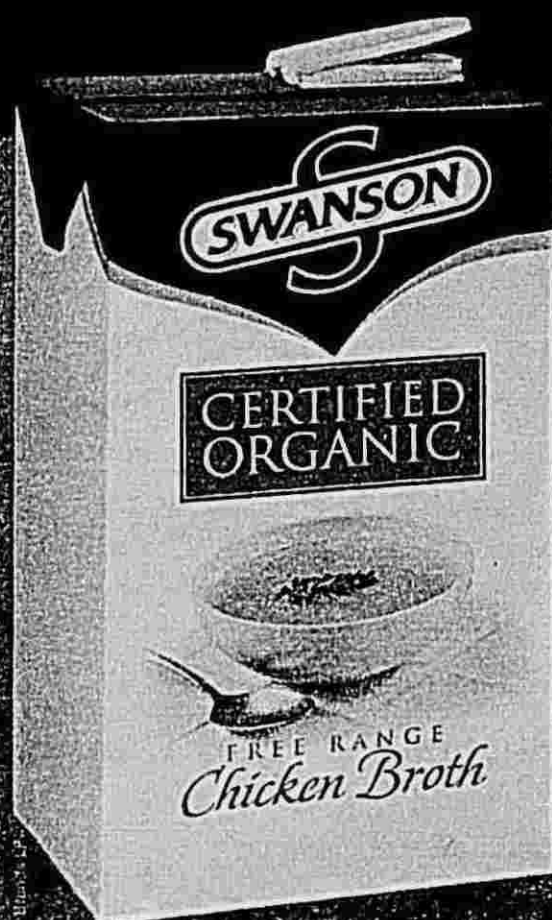
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The Ultimate Melting Pot

While couscous has become a staple of the American pantry, its sidekick, tagines, are not nearly as familiar. Tagines are slow-cooked Moroccan stews named after the conically topped two-part cooking vessel (see page 20) in which they were originally made. Tender mélanges of beef, lamb, poultry or beans, tagines are exotically delicious to American tastes. Ingredients such as garlic, chiles, turmeric, saffron and ginger hint of Mexico or India, while citrus, figs, and olive oil sing the Mediterranean. How appropriate for them to all come together in the quintessential melting pot—the slow cooker.

Chicken becomes fall-off-the-bone tender, while sweet potatoes and dried figs almost melt into the flavorful broth. American ingenuity and Moroccan flavors unite for a comforting, soothing stew. ♪

By Crescent Dragonwagon, a food writer in Saxtons River, Vt.

Cilantro Salsa

If you can't find fresh figs, the salsa is just as good without them.

- 2 onions, quartered
- 5 garlic cloves, peeled
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 1 bunch cilantro, washed, stems included
- ½ to 1 jalapeño pepper
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 orange, peeled, sectioned and diced
- 6 to 8 fresh figs, stems removed, cut into eighths

1. Combine onions, garlic, lemon juice, cilantro, jalapeño, salt, cumin and oil in food processor and process, pausing to scrape sides, until a smooth paste is formed. Transfer to a bowl and stir in orange sections and figs. Serves 8.

Per serving: 120 calories, 5g fat, 1g prot., 16g carbs., 3g fiber, 125mg sodium.

Chicken-Fig Tagine with Cilantro Salsa

Serve with green beans and couscous to soak up the flavorful broth.

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 chicken leg quarters
- 2 chicken breast halves
- 2 teaspoons cumin seed
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- ½ teaspoon turmeric
- ¼ teaspoon ground ginger
- ¼ teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 large onion, coarsely chopped
- 1 large sweet potato, peeled and coarsely chopped
- 8 to 10 dried figs, stems removed, halved
- 3 cups lower-sodium chicken broth
- Juice and grated zest of 1 orange
- 1 tablespoon honey

1. Heat olive oil in a large heavy skillet. Add chicken and sauté 2 to 4 minutes per side. As each piece is browned, transfer to slow cooker.

2. Scatter spices and garlic over chicken. Tuck onion, sweet potato and figs among the chicken pieces.

3. Heat chicken broth in skillet, scraping to loosen browned bits. Pour over chicken and vegetables; add orange juice, zest and honey.

4. Cover and cook 6 to 7 hours on low or 3 to 4 hours on high. Serve with Cilantro Salsa. Serves 4.

Per serving: 420 calories, 11g fat, 32g prot., 50g carbs., 7g fiber, 860mg sodium.

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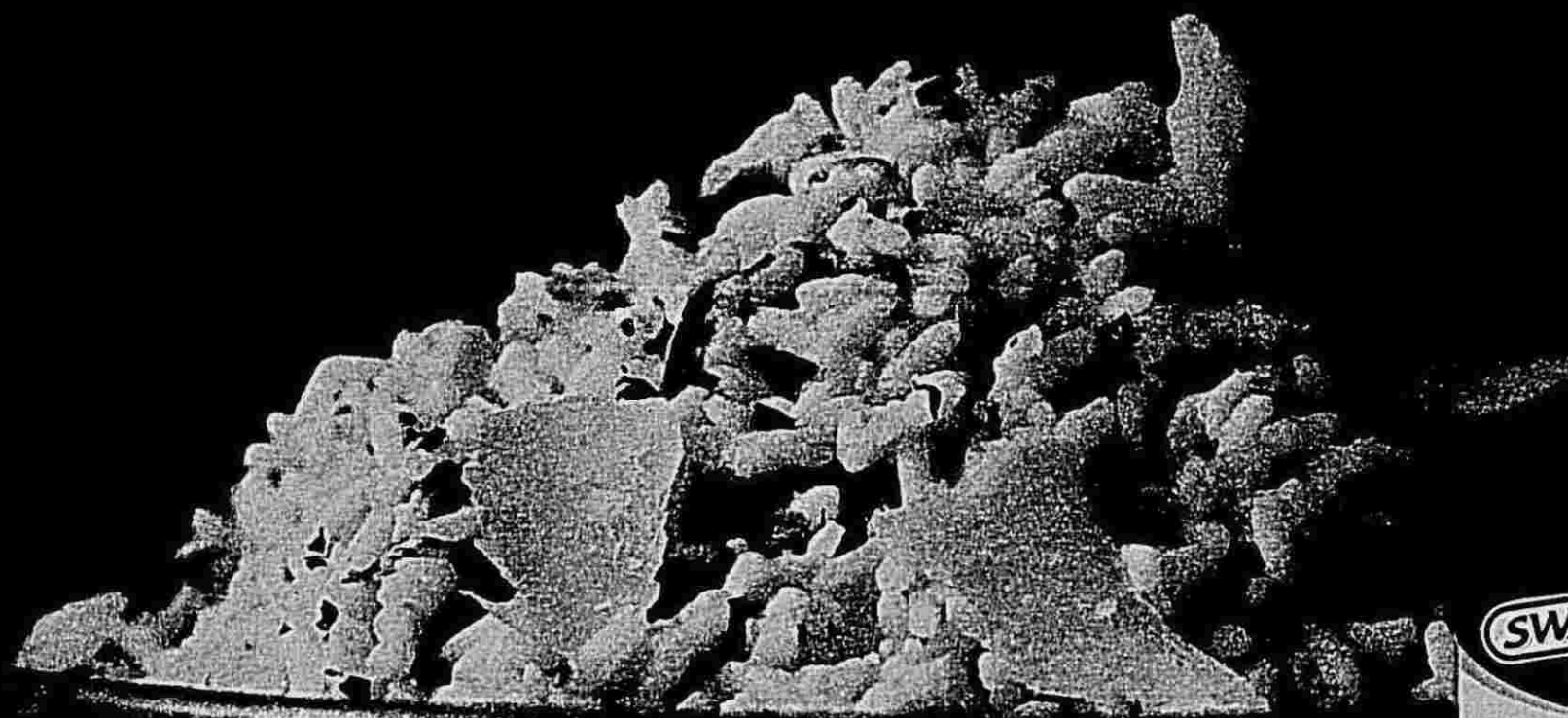
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Add 1 tsp. dried Italian seasoning to the broth.

Add 1 cup chopped spinach with rice.

Stir in 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese before serving. Serve with additional cheese.

ITALIAN [This is a keeper] RICE



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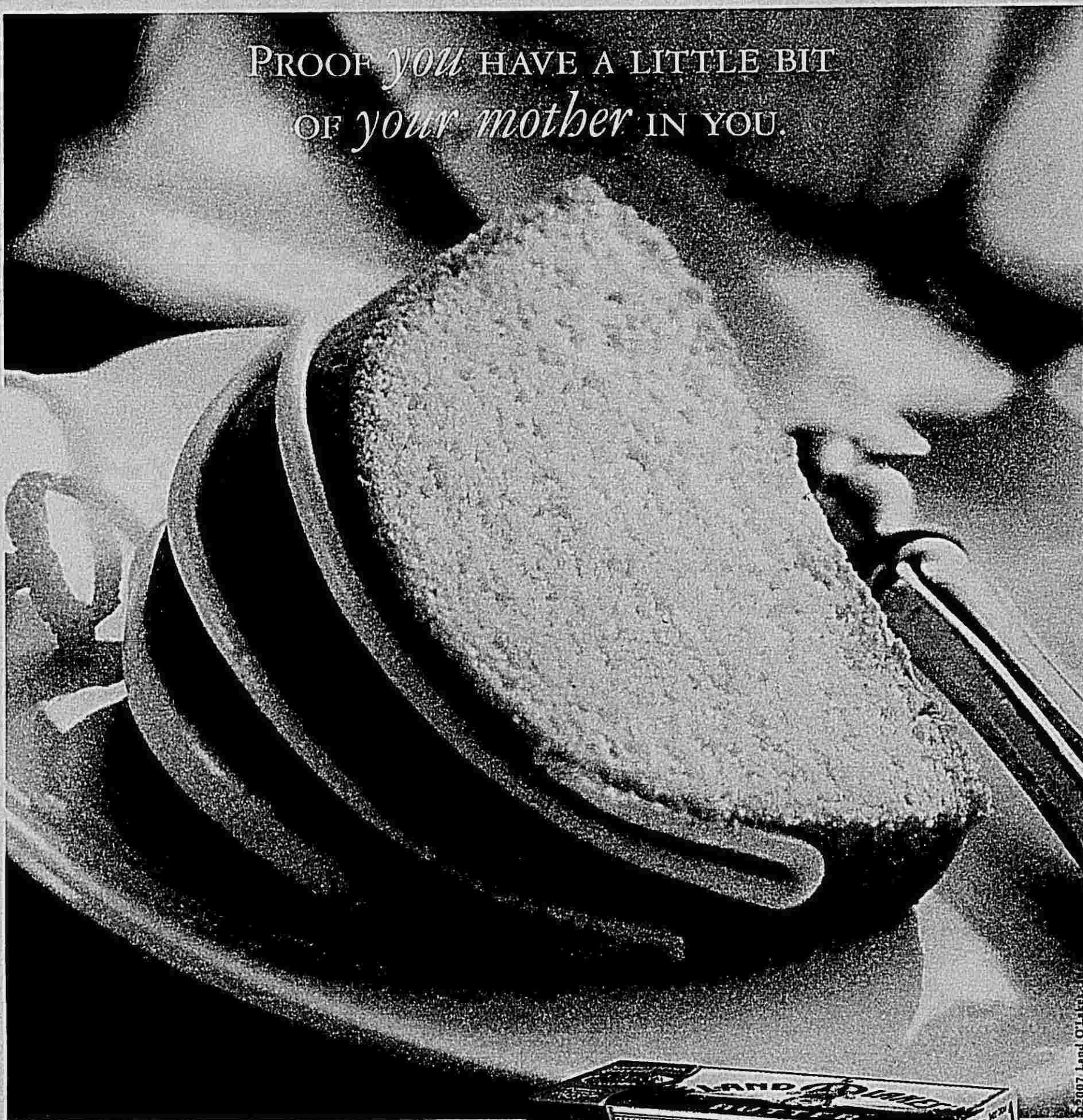
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Springtime Quiche

PREP: 45 MINUTES BAKE: 40 MINUTES

CRUST

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup cold LAND O LAKES® Butter
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives
- 2 tablespoons cold water

FILLING

- 1 (8-ounce) package (2 cups) LAND O LAKES® Cheddar Cheese, shredded
- 6 slices crisply cooked bacon, crumbled
- 1/4 pound fresh asparagus spears
- 1 1/2 cups LAND O LAKES® Half & Half or milk
- 4 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper

Heat oven to 375°F. Combine flour and salt in medium bowl; cut in butter with pastry blender or fork until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in chives and water just until flour is moistened. (Mixture will be crumbly.) Shape into ball; flatten slightly.

Roll out dough on lightly floured surface into 12-inch circle. Fold into quarters. Place dough into ungreased 10-inch quiche pan or 9-inch glass pie pan; unfold, pressing firmly against bottom and sides. Trim crust to 1/2 inch from edge of pan. Crimp or flute edge of crust.

Sprinkle cheese and bacon over bottom of crust. Place asparagus spears in spoke pattern on top of bacon.

Combine all remaining filling ingredients in small bowl. Pour over asparagus-cheese mixture. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until golden and set in center. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Serve warm.

6 SERVINGS



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Golden Lemon Pound Cake

Preparation time: 15 minutes
Baking time: 55 minutes

Cake

- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup LAND O LAKES® Butter, softened
- 4 eggs
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup buttermilk
- 1 tablespoon freshly grated lemon peel
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

Glaze

- 1 1/4 cups powdered sugar
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1 to 2 tablespoons milk

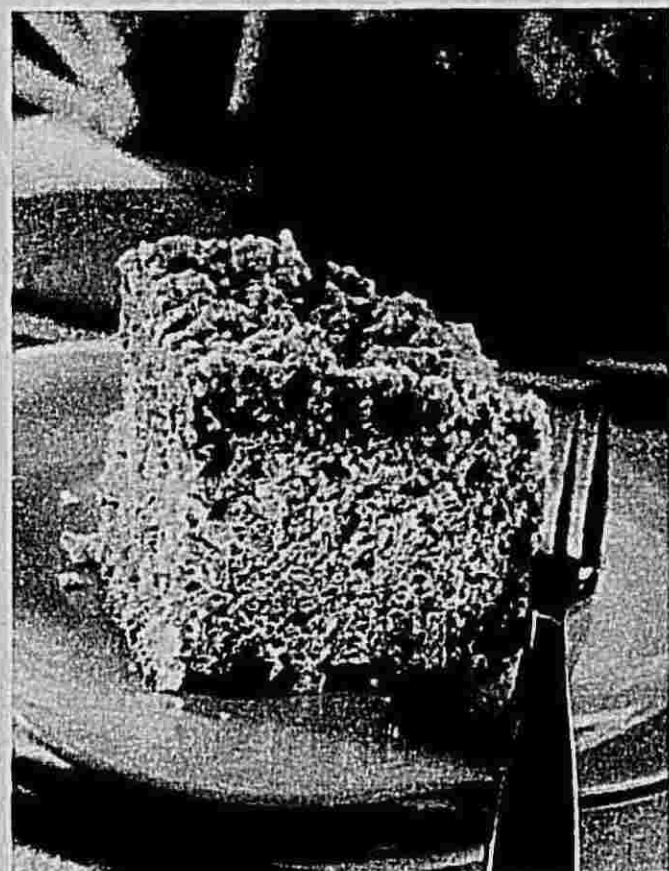
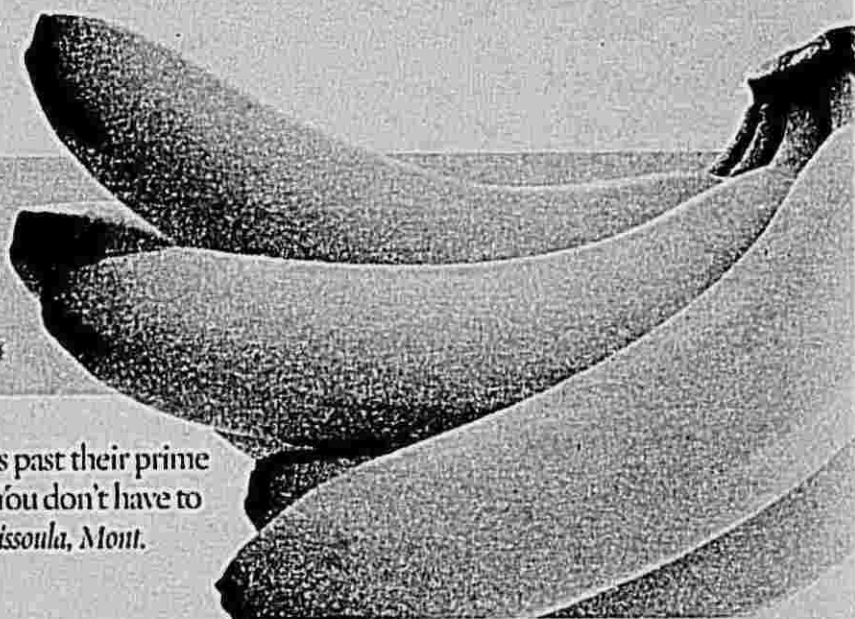
- Heat oven to 325°F. Combine sugar and butter in large bowl. Beat at medium speed until creamy. Continue beating, adding eggs one at a time, until well mixed. Reduce speed to low; gradually add flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt alternately with buttermilk until well mixed. Stir in lemon peel and 1 tablespoon lemon juice.
- Spread batter into greased and floured 12-cup Bundt® pan. Bake for 55 to 65 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes; remove from pan. Cool completely.
- Stir together powdered sugar, 2 teaspoons lemon juice and enough milk for desired glazing consistency in small bowl. Drizzle over cooled cake.

16 servings

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Banana-Rama

Don't fret when your bananas turn brown—they may be the only fruit that is best not so fresh. Bananas past their prime are soft and extra sweet, mashing beautifully to become a creamy addition to cakes, breads and pies. You don't have to wait for them to be in season (as they are year round) just to get brown. *Recipes by Greg Patent of Missoula, Mont.*



Banana Breakfast Coffee Cake

A brown sugar streusel with chopped walnuts adds richness and crunch to this tender banana cake.

Topping:

- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- ½ cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 6 tablespoons cold unsalted butter
- ½ cup finely chopped walnuts

Cake:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup unsalted butter, softened
- ¾ cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup mashed very ripe bananas
- ½ cup 2% low-fat milk

1. Preheat oven to 350F. Coat a 9-inch-square baking pan with cooking spray.
2. For the topping, combine flour, brown sugar, cinnamon and butter in a food processor and process until mixture resembles fine crumbs. Stir in walnuts.
3. For the cake, combine flour, baking soda, baking powder, nutmeg and salt in a medium bowl.
4. Beat butter with a mixer at medium speed about 30 seconds or until smooth. Gradually add sugar and beat 3 to 4 minutes or until fluffy. Add eggs 1 at a time, beating well after each. Add vanilla and bananas and beat until well blended. Add flour mixture alternately with milk, mixing after each addition only until smooth. Pour batter into prepared pan; sprinkle with topping.
5. Bake about 35 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan on a wire rack. Serve warm or at room temperature. Serves 10.

Per serving: 370 calories, 20g fat, 4g prot., 48g carbs., 1g fiber, 300mg sodium

Banana Cream Pie

Use bananas that are firm but ripe. To decrease the fat in this pie, use a nonfat whipped topping in place of the whipped cream.

Graham cracker crust:

- 18 Graham cracker squares
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted
- 1 egg white
- Cooking spray

Filling:

- ¾ cup granulated sugar
- ¼ cup cornstarch
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 4 egg yolks
- 2¼ cups whole milk, divided
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3 medium bananas (1 pound total weight), peeled and sliced

Topping:

- 1 cup heavy cream
- 2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract

1. Preheat oven to 325F.

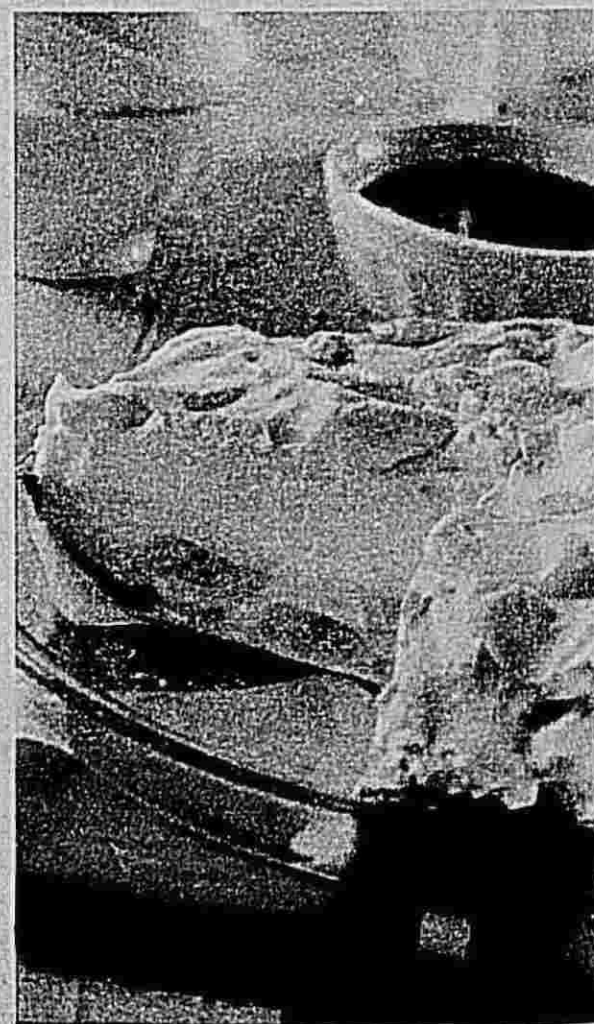
2. For the crust, place crackers in a food processor and process until fine crumbs. Add sugar, cinnamon and butter and process 10 to 15 seconds. Add egg white and pulse rapidly about 10 times, until crumbs are moist. Coat a 9-inch pie plate lightly with cooking spray. Press crumbs firmly onto sides and bottom of pan. Bake 15 minutes or until light brown and fragrant. Cool completely on a wire rack.

3. For the filling, whisk together granulated sugar, cornstarch and salt in a heavy medium saucepan. Add egg yolks and ½ cup milk; whisk until smooth. Heat remaining 1¾ cup milk in microwave until very hot, about 2 minutes. Whisk into cornstarch mixture. Place pan over medium heat and stir until thick and boiling. Cook, stirring constantly, 1 minute. Remove pan from heat and stir in butter and vanilla. Cool to room temperature, stirring occasionally.

3. Spread about ½ cup cooled custard in crust. Arrange sliced bananas evenly over the custard; spoon remaining custard over top. Refrigerate 3 to 4 hours.

4. When ready to serve, whip cream, confectioners' sugar and vanilla until thick. Spread evenly over custard. Serve cold. Store leftovers in the refrigerator. Serves 8.

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- Bodegas Campo Viejo, Rioja Crianza (Rioja, Spain; \$9)
- Chivite Viña Salceda Rioja Crianza (Rioja, Spain; \$13)
- Bodegas Montecillo, Montecillo Rioja Reserva (Rioja, Spain; \$20)

Spice It Up with Garnacha

Spain's Garnacha wines yield cherry and strawberry flavors with a hint of black pepper—not unlike a Syrah.

- Bodegas Borsao, Tres Picos Garnacha (Campo De Borja; \$12)
- Fra Guerau Syrah-Garnacha Blend (Montsant, Spain; \$12)
- Bodegas San Alejandro, Los Rocas (Calatayud, Spain; \$9)

Brighten Up with Rosado



A late afternoon/early evening tapas party is a great time to uncork some Spanish rosé (rosado) wines. Drink nicely chilled.

- Chivite Gran Feudo Rosé Wine (Navarra, Spain; \$12)
- Viña Vilano, Rosado (Ribera Del Duero, Spain; \$9)
- Bodegas Gonzalez Lara, Fuente del Conde, (Cigales, Spain; \$10)

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- **Fleur de sel.** The "flower of salt" from northern France has a flavor bolder and more complex than refined table salt. It fills the mouth with a burst, then fades to sweetness toward the back of the tongue.
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- **Hawaiian.** This volcanic salt ranges in color from rose to blood red. It has long-lasting flavor that carries a hint of apple.
- **Kosher salt.** This is something of a misnomer because all salt is kosher. "Koshering" salt would be a more accurate name. The fluffy flakes are highly absorbent, making them perfect for koshering meat. That fluffiness also gives kosher salt a simple, but expressive taste that enhances rather than overpowers other flavors.

The New Grind

Artisanal bread, hand-crafted cheese, heirloom tomatoes... specialty salts. At first, it seems like just so much food snobbery. After all, how different can one salt be from another, right? A lot, actually. Gourmet salts are not a marketing ploy. A good salt will release and balance the flavors of the other ingredients in a dish.

Regional salts show as much individuality as their culinary peer, pepper. The same way you might choose green pepper instead of black for pepper steak, you can pick a salt to match your recipe.

The shape of the salt crystal has a lot to do with it. The appeal of flaked salts, such as kosher salt, is in their large surface area and their ability to melt in the mouth. One of the most interesting salts available is Cyprus flake. The crystals of this white Mediterranean product are large, hollow pyramids. They play the taste buds with amazing complexity. The flavor is bold, yet clean, eliciting a meatiness that fades at the sides of the tongue into faint sweetness.

Gourmet salts retain the unique mineral profiles of their sources, which also contribute to their flavor. Elemental minerals such as iodine, magnesium and chromium residing in natural sea salts react differently on the tongue and palate, exciting taste buds in different ways.

Most artisanal salts are evaporated in small batches at seaside and bring with them a refreshing flavor that smacks of ocean air. Use them as you would free-running table salt, but go easy. While not as harsh as standard salt, they are stronger.

The best way to enjoy these salts is freshly ground. Store them in airtight containers away from moisture and grind only as much as you need. A simple pepper grinder works well, but use one with a ceramic gear instead of a metal one. (Target Stores have clear plastic grinders with ceramic gears for around \$10.) If using a mortar and pestle, make sure it's glass or stone. ♪

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Sage Brown Butter with Dried Cherries

This recipe from the American Dairy Farmers is equally good with or without dried cherries. Use it on bread, potatoes, vegetables, meats or broiled fish.

- 1 cup unsalted butter, softened, divided
- ½ cup finely chopped onion
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh sage
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper
- ¼ cup chopped dried cherries

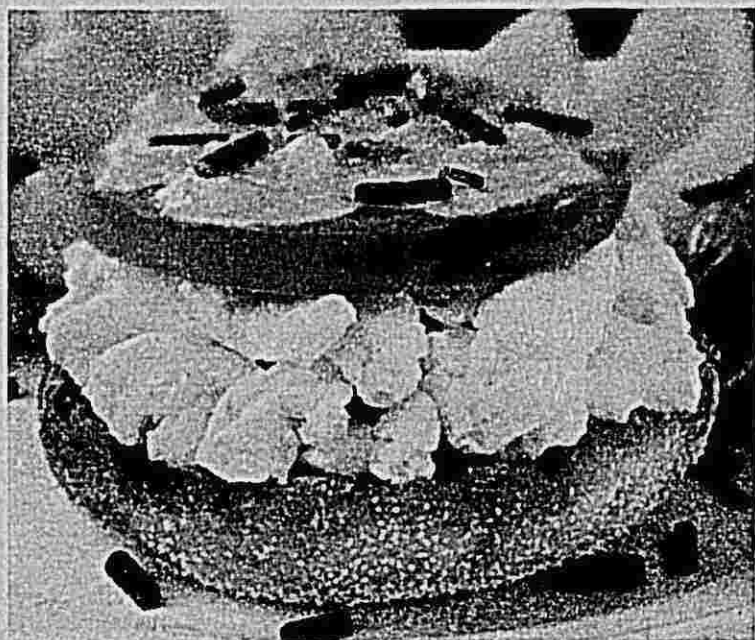


1. In a medium skillet, melt ½ cup butter over medium heat. When butter begins to foam, add onion and garlic; cook until butter turns a nut brown color. Remove from heat and stir in sage, salt and pepper. Cool completely.
2. Place remaining butter in a medium mixing bowl and beat with a mixer until light and fluffy. Scrape down sides of bowl.
3. Add brown butter mixture and beat to combine, scraping down sides of bowl. Stir in cherries.
4. Scrape into a small bowl, crock or butter mold and cover tightly or shape into a long roll in waxed paper for storing and slicing as needed. Yield: 1½ cups.

Per teaspoon: 30 calories, 3g fat, 0g prot., 1g carbs., 0g fiber, 40mg sodium.

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Cooking Method: Saute

Prep Time: 10

Cooking Time: 20-30 minutes

Makes: 2 servings (1/2 frittata each)

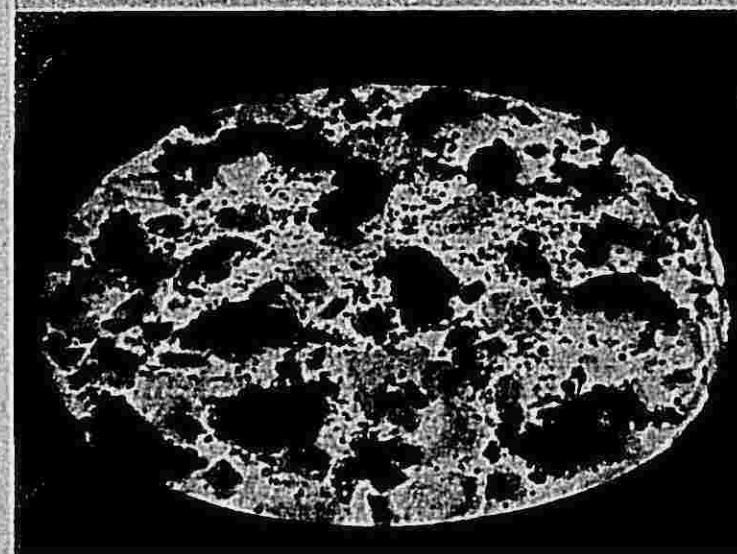
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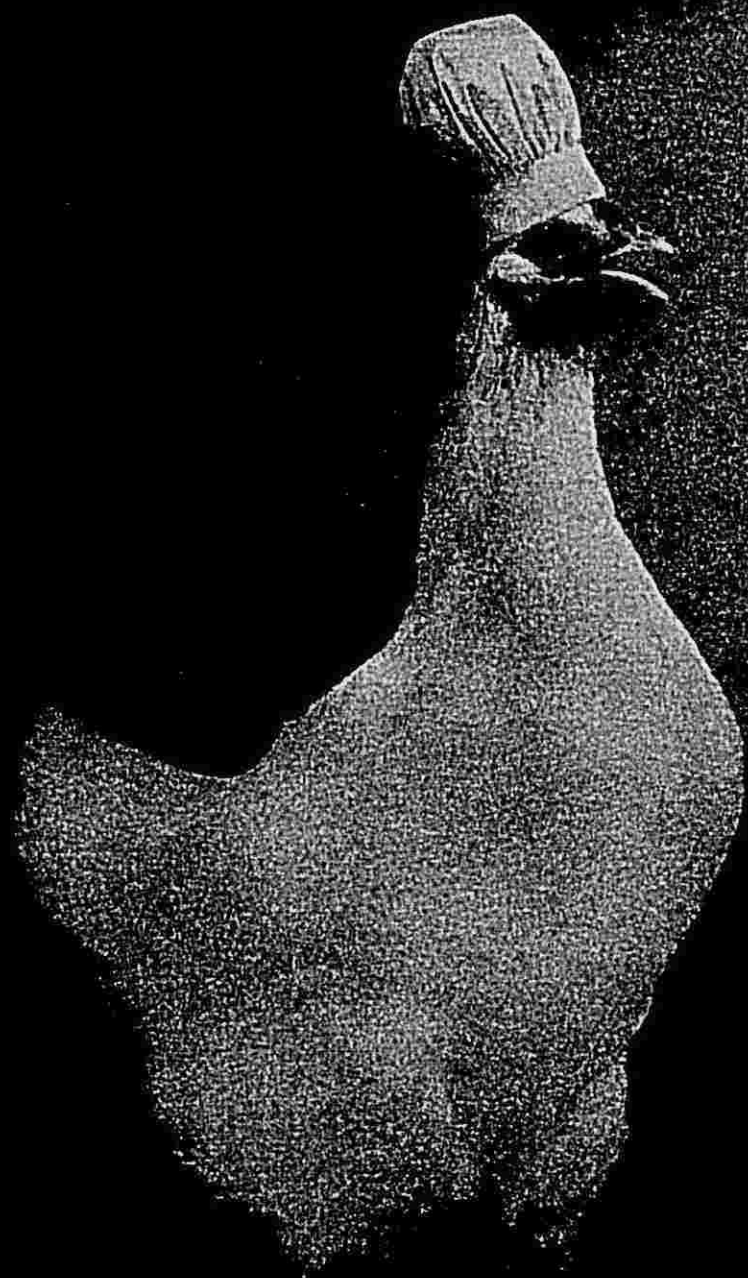
- PAM® Original No-Stick Cooking Spray
- 1 cup small broccoli florets
- 1/2 cup chopped cooked chicken
- 1/4 cup finely chopped tomato
- 1/2 medium onion, finely chopped (about 1/4 cup)
- 1/2 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup (8 ounces) Egg Beaters® Egg Product

1. Preheat broiler. Spray medium skillet with ovenproof handle with cooking spray; heat over medium heat. Add broccoli, chicken, tomato, onion, Italian seasoning and salt; cook 3 minutes, or until broccoli is crisp-tender, stirring occasionally.

2. Add Egg Beaters. Reduce heat to low; cover. Cook 9 minutes, or until bottom of frittata is set but top is still slightly moist. Remove lid from skillet.

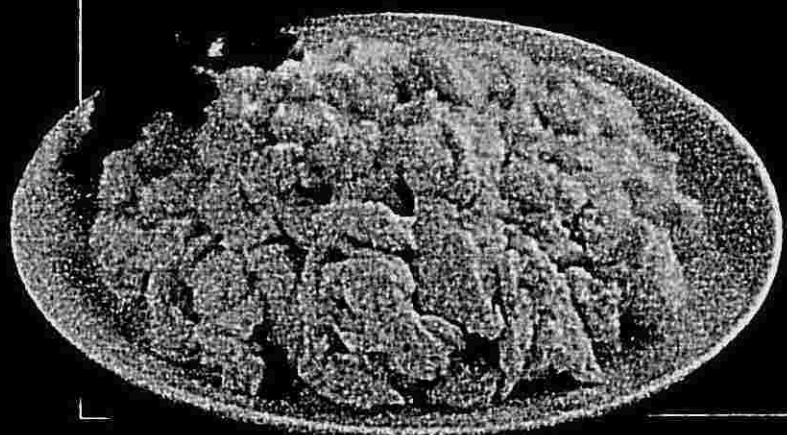
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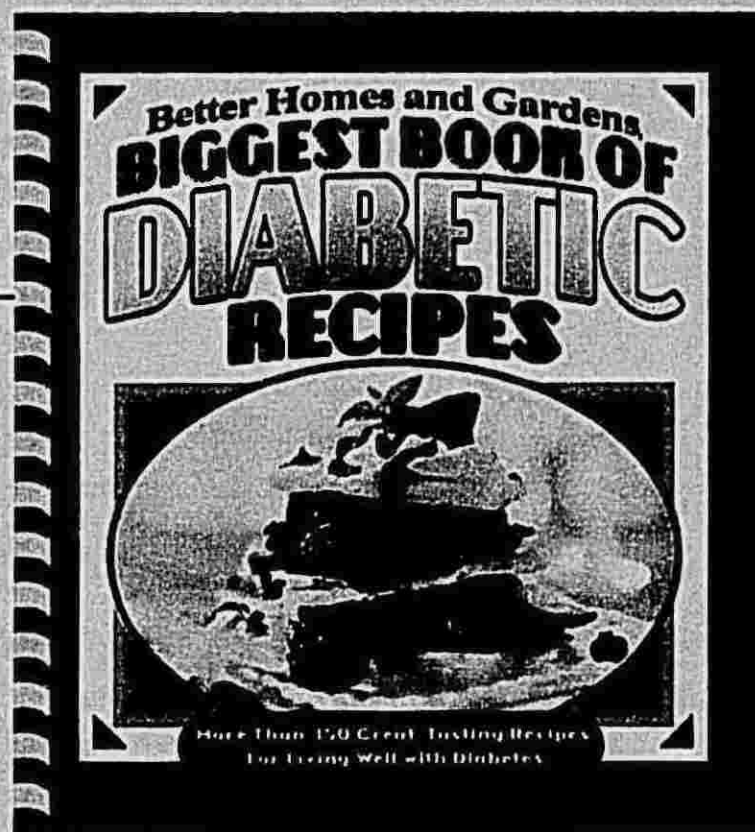
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Tapas Party

There's nothing quite like tapas, the savory "little dishes" of Spain. Legend suggests that a Spanish king was unable to eat large amounts of food so his subjects also began eating smaller portions. Tapas have taken the United States by storm. And why not, the idea of entertaining with little bits of this and that is far more appealing than preparing a five-course meal. Here are a few recipes to get you started. Add some good bread, olives, Spanish cheese and Sangria and you're set. ♪

By Jeanette Hurt, a freelance writer in Milwaukee, Wis.

Beef Empanadas

- ¼ pound lean ground beef
- ½ cup chopped onion
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- ⅓ cup chopped kalamata olives
- ¼ cup raisins
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 tablespoon water
- 2 tablespoons slivered almonds
- 1 tablespoon brandy (or sherry)
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon smoked paprika
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 8 ounces puff pastry dough, thawed
- 1 egg, beaten

1. In a large nonstick skillet sauté ground beef, onion and garlic 5 minutes. Add olives, raisins, tomato paste, water, almonds, brandy, salt, paprika and cayenne. Cook 1 minute.
2. Scrape mixture into a food processor and pulse until mixture holds together.
3. Preheat oven to 400F.
4. Roll and cut pastry dough into 16 (3-inch) squares. Divide filling evenly among squares; fold over and pinch to seal. Place on a baking sheet. Brush with beaten egg and bake 17 minutes. Yield: 16 empanadas.

Per empanada: 90 calories, 5g fat, 3g prot., 8g carbs., 1g fiber, 120mg sodium.

Tortilla Español

(Tortilla de Patatas)

In Spain, tortilla refers to a thin omelet.

Tortilla:

- 3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- ½ cup chopped onion
- 1 cup cubed cooked potato, peeled
- 6 eggs
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- Coarsely ground black pepper

Salsa Rosa:

- ¼ cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon tomato sauce
- ¼ teaspoon smoked paprika

1. To prepare the tortillas, heat 2 tablespoons oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion and potato and sauté 2 to 5 minutes. Add eggs, salt and pepper. Mix together with a spatula to cook the layers of egg; after 1 or 2 minutes let the bottom set. Scrape edge of egg mixture from edge of pan, pushing gently toward the middle, but not slicing through, so that you have a thick omelet coming together.

2. Slide omelet onto a plate. Add remaining oil to skillet. Invert plate over skillet to return omelet to pan, cooked side up. Cook 2 to 3 minutes until browned. Remove from pan, cool and serve.

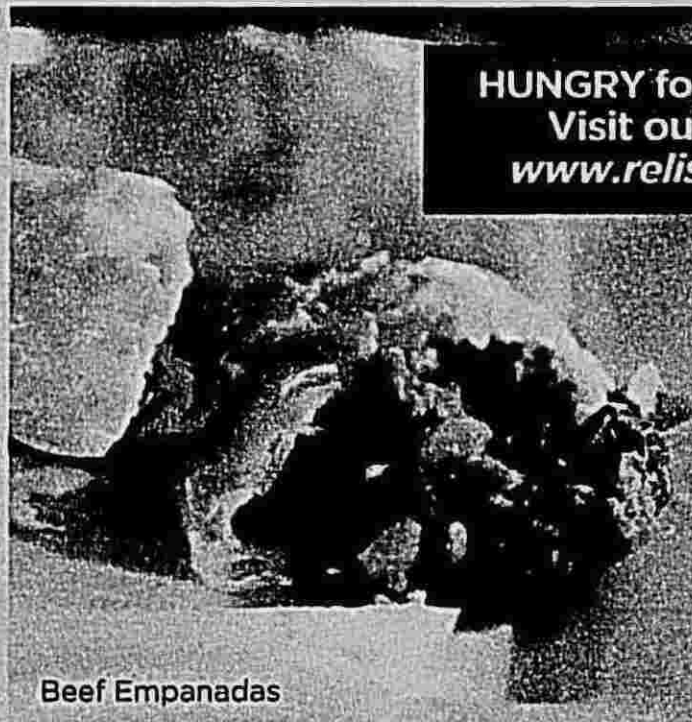
3. To prepare the Salsa Rosa, whisk all ingredients together and chill. Serves 6.

Per serving: 230 calories, 15g fat, 10g prot., 15g carbs., 2g fiber, 190mg sodium.

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Beef Empanadas



Marinated Tomato

Ensalada Rusa

with Marinated Tomatoes

(Courtesy of Emilio's restaurant in Chicago)

Marinated Tomatoes:

- 2 roma tomatoes, seeded and chopped
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- ½ teaspoon salt
- Coarsely ground black pepper

Salad:

- 2 large russet potatoes, peeled and diced
- 1 large carrot, diced
- 8 ounces flaked water-packed tuna fish, drained
- 1 cup frozen green peas, thawed and drained
- ½ cup diced red bell pepper
- 1 hard-cooked egg, chopped
- ¾ cup mayonnaise
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon white pepper

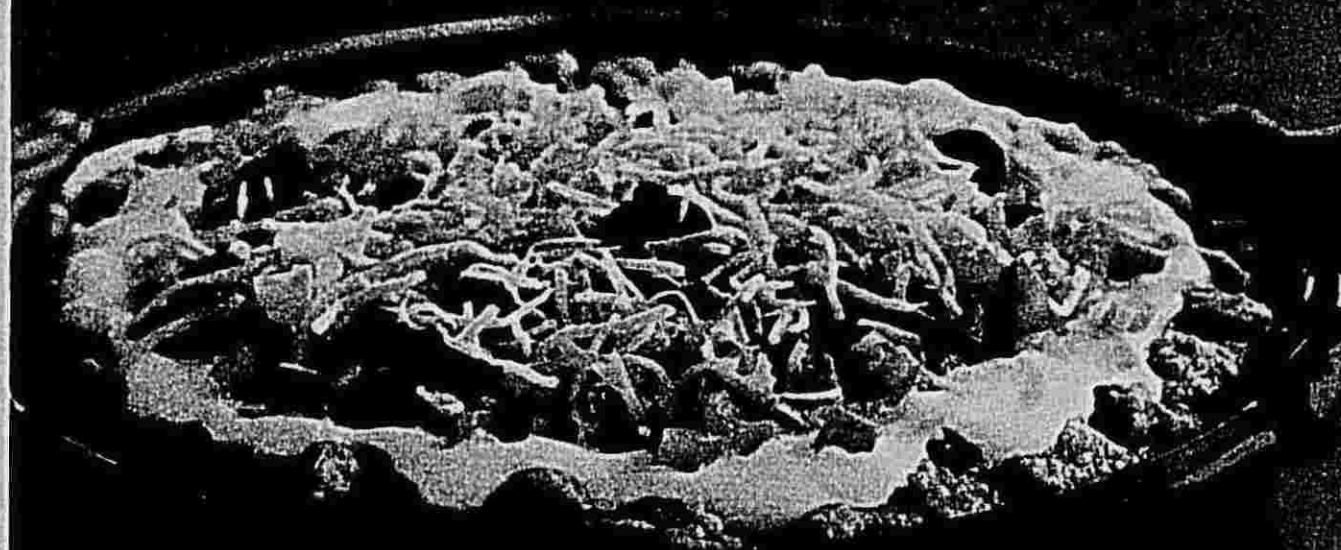
1. To prepare the marinated tomatoes, mix all ingredients and marinate for at least 1 hour.

2. To prepare the salad, place potatoes and carrots in a medium saucepan, cover with water and bring to a boil. Cook 10 minutes or until soft but not mushy. Cool.

3. Combine potatoes, carrots, tuna, peas, red peppers, egg and mayonnaise; mix gently. Season with salt and pepper. Top with marinated tomatoes. Serve with crostini or garlic toast. Serves 6.

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- 1 cup shredded lettuce
- 1 cup KRAFT Mexican Style Shredded Cheese
- ½ cup chopped green onions
- 2 Tbsp. sliced pitted ripe olives

MIX beans & taco seasoning mix. Spread onto bottom of 9-inch pie plate.

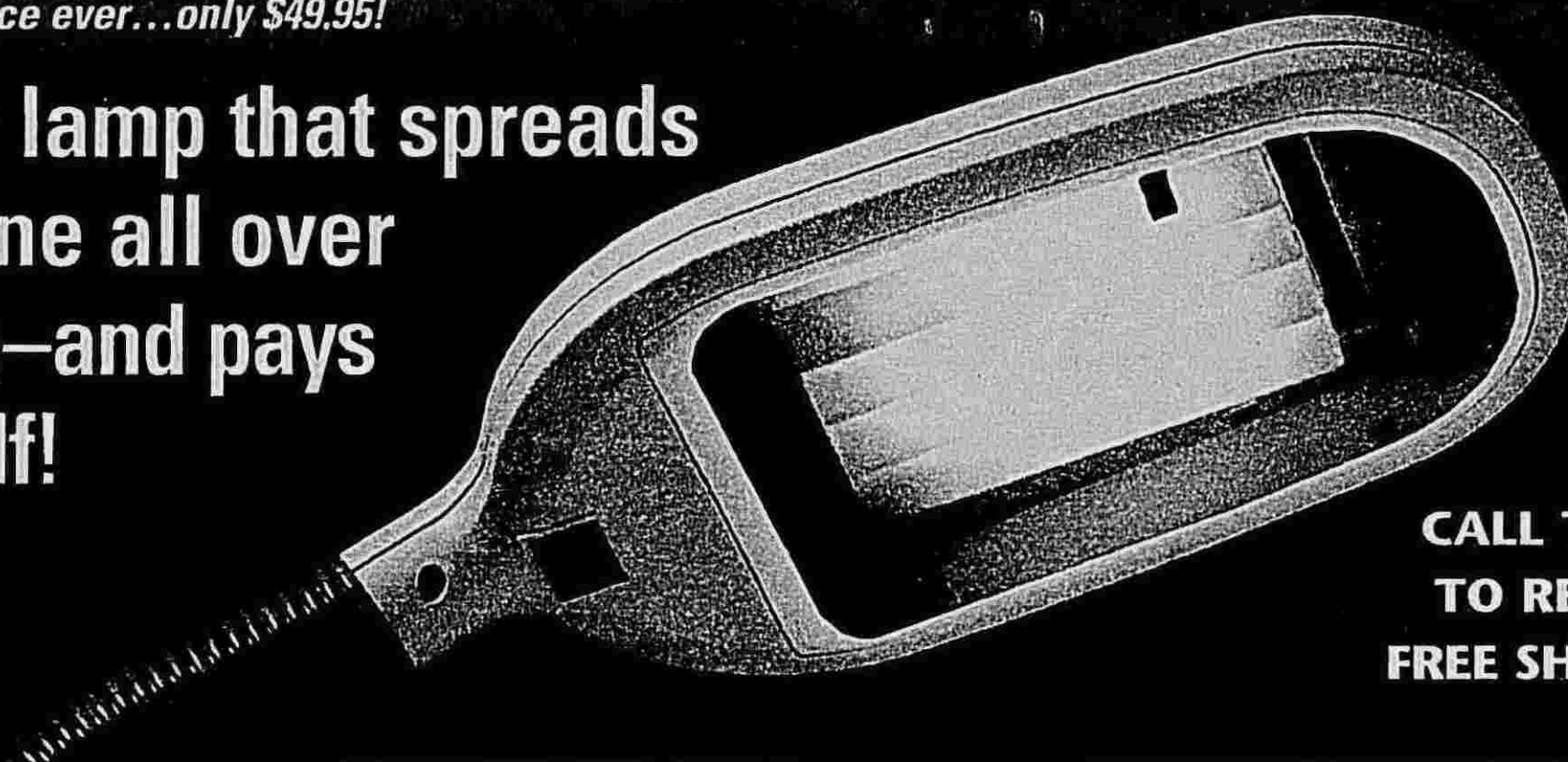
LAYER remaining ingredients over bean mixture; cover. Refrigerate several hours or until chilled.

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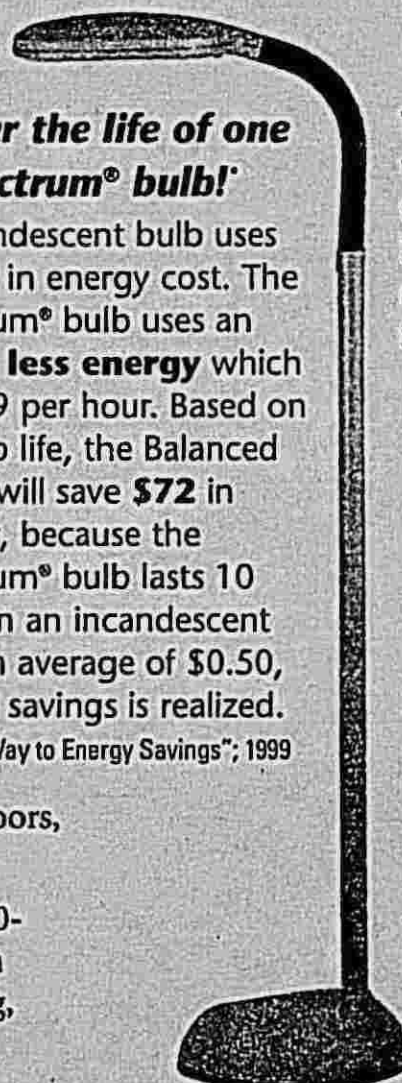
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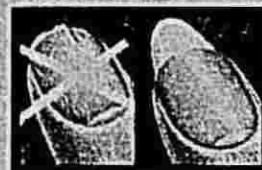
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By Jana Lynn

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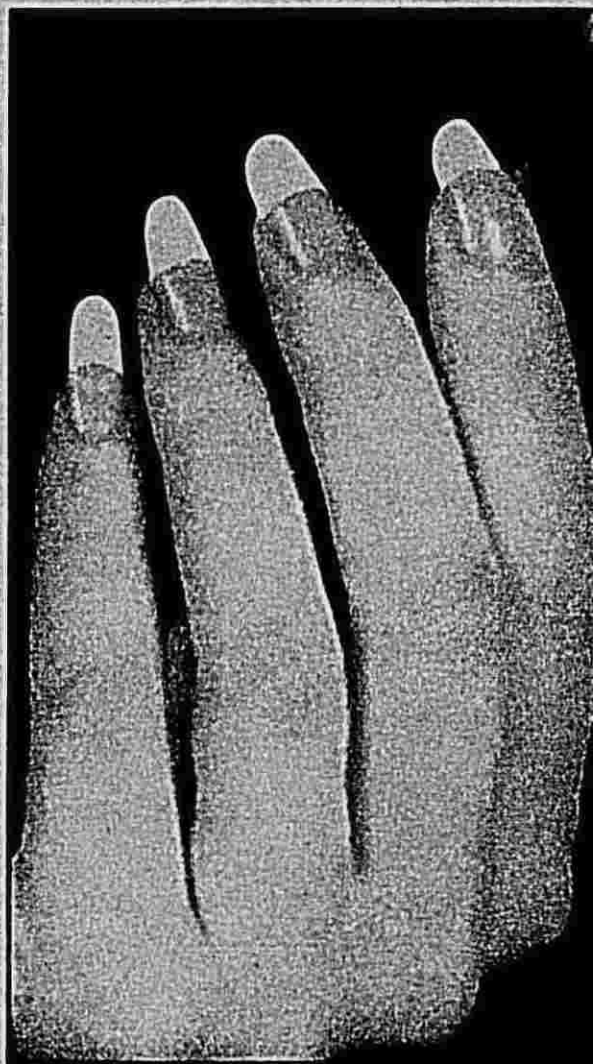
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Florence Atkinson
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Onion Focaccia

- 4½ cups all-purpose flour, divided
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon crushed dried rosemary
- 1 (.25-ounce) package quick-rise yeast
- 1½ cups warm water (120F to 130F)
- 3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- Cooking spray
- Cornmeal
- 3 leeks
- 8 green onions, trimmed
- Coarsely ground fleur de sel

1. Combine 3 ½ cups flour, cheese, kosher salt, rosemary and yeast in a food processor. Pulse to blend. With processor on, slowly add water and 2 tablespoons oil and process until dough forms a ball.

2. Turn out onto a lightly floured surface; knead 5 minutes or until smooth and elastic, adding additional flour as necessary.

3. Place dough in a large bowl coated with cooking spray. Turn

dough to coat top. Cover and let rise in a warm place 1 hour.

4. Punch down dough; turn out onto a lightly floured surface. Divide into 2 pieces, shaping each into a 12-inch circle. Place on two large baking sheets coated with cooking spray and dusted with cornmeal. Cover and let rise 40 minutes or until doubled in bulk.

5. Preheat oven to 450F.

6. Uncover dough. Gently brush

with remaining olive oil. Make indentations in top using the handle of a wood spoon or your fingertips.

7. Remove roots, outer leaves and tops from leeks. Rinse with cold water; cut into rounds. Arrange leeks and green onions over top of dough. Sprinkle with fleur de sel.

8. Bake 20 minutes or until golden. Cool on wire racks. Serves 12.

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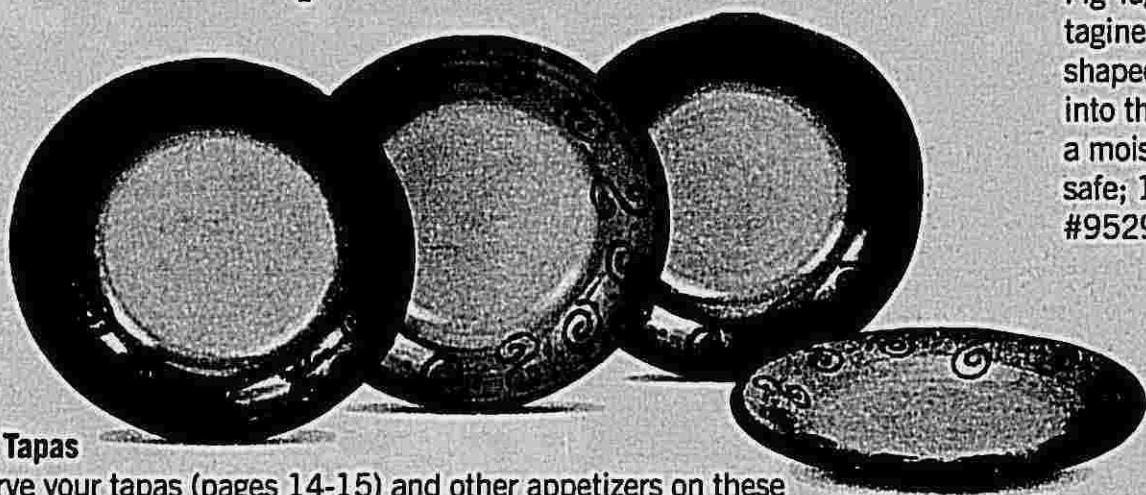
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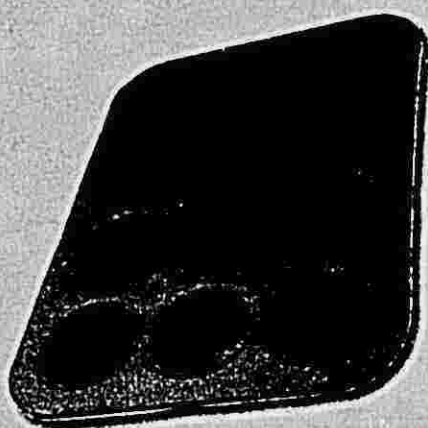


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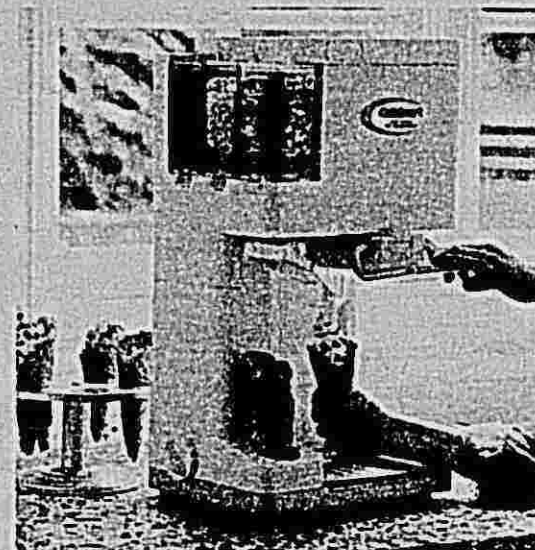


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Lasagna 3 Ways

THE KEY TO CREAMY LASAGNA IS IN THE BÉCHAMEL (SAUCE, THAT IS)

I'll never forget the first time I savored a lasagna made with something other than the usual mozzarella and ricotta cheeses. I was living in New York City, and a lovely Englishwoman invited me to dinner. Out from her oven came a pan of lasagna, bubbling with all things Cheddar cheese between the layers.

I was skeptical at first; it seemed heresy to use an English cheese in a typically Italian dish. But the depth of flavor that a true Cheddar brought was indeed head-turning. There was something else in the recipe, too—slathers of white sauce adding a creamy lusciousness that I had never before experienced in the dish.

A few years later, I found myself in Paris swooning over a French version of lasagna, this one made with a white sauce and Comté cheese (a French Gruyère). The waiter asked me why I was making such a fuss; after all, didn't we have lasagna in America? Yes, I told him but many recipes don't include a white sauce. And we certainly didn't use Comté. "Well, then, what's the point?" he asked.

A trip to Italy confirmed the same thing—luscious lasagna lies in the creamy béchamel sauce, and Italy's famed Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese. Enjoy them all. ♪

By Wini Moranville, *Relish* magazine's wine columnist.

English-Style Lasagna

Meat Sauce:

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- ½ pound Italian sausage
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- ½ teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 1 (15-ounce) can crushed tomatoes in purée

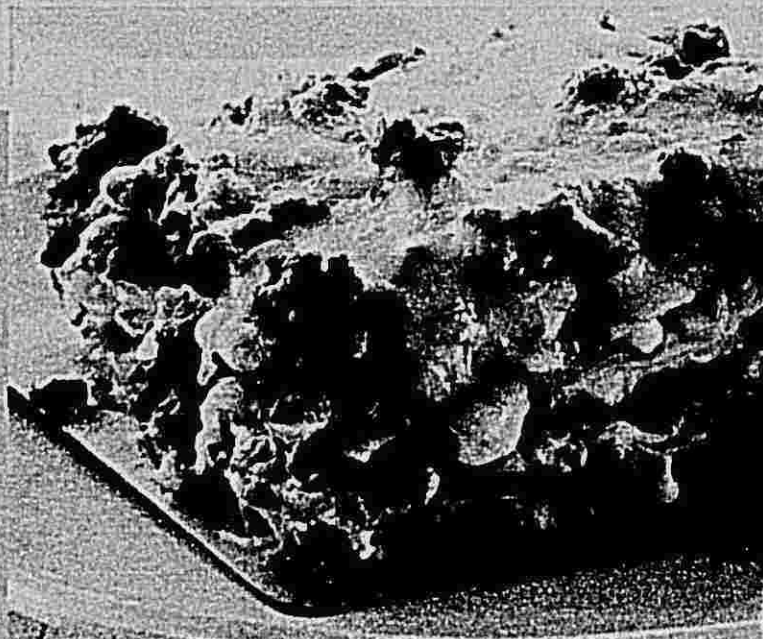
Béchamel Sauce:

- ¼ cup butter
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 3 cups 2% reduced-fat milk
- 12 sheets no-boil lasagna noodles
- 3 cups shredded aged Cheddar cheese

1. For the meat sauce, brown beef and sausage in a large skillet over medium-high heat about 10 minutes, breaking into small pieces. Spoon out most of the fat. Add onion and garlic; sauté 5 minutes. Add wine; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and cook until wine is nearly evaporated. Stir in tomato paste, parsley, crushed red pepper and crushed tomatoes. Bring to a simmer; reduce heat. Simmer 10 to 15 minutes or until sauce thickens.

2. For the béchamel sauce, melt butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Whisk in flour, salt, pepper and nutmeg. Cook and stir 1 minute. Gradually whisk in milk. Cook and stir with whisk about 10 minutes or until thick and bubbly.

3. Preheat oven to 400°F.



4. Spread ¾ cup meat sauce in bottom of a 13-by-9-inch baking pan. Place 4 sheets of lasagna crosswise in pan over sauce, overlapping slightly. Top with one-third of the meat sauce (spreading evenly to cover noodles), one-third of the béchamel sauce and one-third of the cheese. Repeat layers twice, starting with noodles and ending with cheese.

5. Bake, uncovered, 35 to 40 minutes. Let stand 15 minutes before cutting. Serves 10.

Per serving: 390 calories, 19g fat, 22g prot., 30g carbs., 2g fiber, 490mg sodium.

French-Style Lasagna: Substitute Comté (French Gruyère) cheese for the Cheddar. Substitute 1 tablespoon crushed dried rosemary for the parsley. Use ground pork instead of the Italian sausage.

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SisterAct

Olivia Gerasole struggles to knead the dough for Irish Soda Bread—not surprising as she's only 9. But with the help of producer Gaylon Emerzian, the mixture comes together beautifully—as does each web episode brought to us by the Gerasole sisters. Together Isabella (age 11) and Olivia form the team behind the award-winning website www.spatulatta.com. The webcasts, produced every two weeks since April 2005, show kids just how fun and rewarding it is to cook. Gaylon, who came up with the idea for Spatulatta, films the sisters in their kitchen in Evanston, Ill., where they joke, get serious, have fun and learn as they teach—everything from safety in the kitchen to how to make favorite dishes. According to the girls' mother, Heidi Umbhau, the girls read through the recipes and look at the ingredients, then Gaylon turns the camera on and lets them do their thing.

The girls won the prestigious (in the food world) James Beard award last year. When asked how the fame of winning the Beard award affected her daughters' lives, Heidi said, "Well, their confidence level in the kitchen—and outside it, too—has grown hugely. But it's not a big deal at school. They have all their other activities, the way most kids do—ice skating, piano, Brownies, swimming, drama." In fact, Heidi reports, producing the webcasts every two weeks is really "not a big deal."

Winning the Beard award, however, did make quite a wave in the family's life. Shortly after the award was announced at the gala in New York City, the girls' parents turned on their cell phones and were astounded to find their message boxes full. "We thought we'd see the Statue of Liberty on our visit," said Heidi, but the next day they were on the PBS program *All Things Considered*, and for the next few (thankfully, summer) months, there were appearances on the *Today Show* with Al Roker, *The Tonight Show* with Jay Leno and *Rachel Ray* and five offers from publishers to do the Spatulatta cookbook. The girls just finished work on the book, which Scholastic expects to be on the shelves this fall. ♪

By Marge Perry, a freelance food writer in Tenafly, N.J.



Irish Soda Bread

Just in time for St. Patrick's Day, a delightful bread you can see Olivia and Isabella demonstrate on www.spatulatta.com, where you'll also find a Leprechaun Lunch.

- 5 cups of all-purpose flour
 - 1 teaspoon of baking soda
 - 1 teaspoon of salt
 - 5 teaspoons of baking powder
 - 1 stick of butter - softened
 - 1 1/4 cups of raisins
 - 2 eggs - beaten
 - 1/4 cup of sugar
 - 1 1/2 to 2 cups of buttermilk
1. Preheat oven to 375F.
 2. Mix the flour, soda, salt and baking powder in a large bowl.
 3. Unwrap the butter and set the wrapper aside to use when greasing the cookie sheet. Mix the butter in with a spoon.
 4. Add the raisins, eggs and sugar. Mix these ingredients in well. At a certain point you'll have to start using your hand. Scoop the dry ingredients up from the bottom of the bowl and gently push into the dough using your closed fist.
 5. Next add the buttermilk a little at a time. This is a good two-person job. One person mixes the dough while the other slowly pours the buttermilk. Stop when the dough becomes sticky. Take the dough out of the bowl and put it on the board sprinkled with flour.

6. "Knead" the dough 10 times. Kneading means to fold the dough in on itself and then press down. You will want to turn the dough around every so often. So fold and press, fold and press, then turn until you have kneaded the dough 10 times.
7. Cut the dough in half and shape it into 2 round loaves.
8. Use the butter wrapper to put a thin layer of butter on the cookie sheet. Place the dough on the greased cookie sheet.
9. "Score" the top of the bread. To score means to cut into but not all the way through. Score the bread across the middle one way, then across the other way. The scoring is decorative but it also lets the top get extra crusty.
10. Put the bread into the oven and bake 45 to 60 minutes or until the bread is nice nutty brown.
11. You can ask your adult helper to test the bread to make sure it is baked all the way through by inserting a skewer or a slim knife into the middle of the bread. If it comes out clean, with no dough clinging to it, the bread is done.
12. Cool slightly before serving. Serves 12.

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Q What is Steven Seagal doing? We miss his movies.

—J. Margaret Bryan, Carnegie, Pa.

Watch for Seagal, 55, to be back in his rock'em, sock'em groove with the upcoming movies *Flight of Fury* and *Once Upon a Time in the Hood*. He also is a musician with a world-class collection of vintage and unique guitars. His second album of original blues, *Mojo Priest*, was released last summer.



Steven Seagal makes movies and music.



Mickey Rooney

Q Can you tell me if Mickey Rooney is still alive?

—Kent Syverson, Willmar, Minn.

Very much so! The 86-year-old Hollywood veteran is busy juggling several movie roles. He plays a night watchman in *Night at the Museum*, recently in theaters, and has parts in the upcoming comedies *Horween*, *The Greatest Show Ever* and *Bamboo Shark*.

Q I loved watching *The Rifleman*. Whatever became of Chuck Connors and the actor who played his son?

—Jean Johnston, Elk City, Okla.

Kevin Joseph Aloysius "Chuck" Connors, who played sure-shootin' Lucas McCain on the TV Western from 1958 to 1962, died of lung cancer and pneumonia in 1992. His tombstone in San Fernando, Calif., is etched with the *Rifleman* logo, plus logos of the three professional baseball or basketball teams (the Dodgers, Mets and Celtics) for which he briefly played before finding Hollywood stardom. Connors' TV son, Mark, was played by Johnny Crawford, now 60 and fronting his own band, the Johnny Crawford Dance Orchestra, in Los Angeles. Good news for *Rifleman* fans: The Encore Westerns premium channel airs reruns every weeknight and Saturday mornings.



Chuck Connors, right, and Johnny Crawford starred in *The Rifleman*.

Q Please tell me about CBS reporter Thalia Assuras. She's my favorite.

—Dollie Griffith, Cleveland, Tenn.

Canadian native Assuras, 55, graduated from the University of Western Ontario with a degree in microbiology and immunology. Coming to the U.S. in 1993, she worked for ABC, then joined CBS in 1997. As a national correspondent for CBS' *The Early Show* since 2002, she's covered dozens of major stories, from the Kosovo refugee crisis to 9/11, and says some of the heartbreaking scenes forever will be etched in her mind. "It's hard, but you can't let it affect you," she says. "And often, these tragedies display a reaffirmation of the human spirit."



Reporter Thalia Assuras

Q We were watching the movie *Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo* the other day, and wondered whatever happened to actor Van Johnson.

—Paul and Eileen Ransford, Harbor Springs, Mich.

Now 90, Johnson made dozens of movies during his acting career, which began in the 1930s and frequently found him in musicals or cast as the all-American Yank sent off to do his patriotic chore overseas—even though a metal plate in his head, the result of a car crash in 1942, kept him out of World War II service in real life. He worked steadily into the early 1990s, making his last movie appearance in the 1992 drama *Clowning Around* and then retiring in New York.



Actor Van Johnson

Q One of the best things about the television series *Mythbusters* is the beautiful Kari Byron. What can you tell me about her?

—John Foster, Kissimmee, Fla.

Byron was a natural for the gonzo science of *Mythbusters*. By age 5, when not using dolls as crash-test dummies, she was setting up experiments involving her little sister. Luckily, her parents usually intervened before her sis took a ride down a laundry chute or became the subject of a 360-degree swing-set test. After graduation from San Francisco State University, where she studied film and sculpture, Byron worked in model-making and toy prototyping, which is how she got her break with *Mythbusters*. She recently married and lives in San Francisco.



Kari Byron lights up *Mythbusters*.

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Today, the *Green Acres* TV star runs his family's farm and shares his Christian convictions.

Greg Campbell

Today, Lester is a farmer and Christian speaker who travels the nation, preaching a message of faith and obedience.

He acknowledges it has been an improbable journey.

After studying chemistry and biology at the University of Mississippi, graduating in 1960 and teaching for one year in Purcell, Okla., Lester decided to follow his heart, move to Los Angeles and start acting—even though he had no theater experience.

"God never took the time to make a nobody," he says. "People go through life wishing they had tried to do something, but they're afraid to try because they're afraid they'll fail. The failure is in not trying."

Less than three years later, Lester beat out 400 other would-be stars to land the role of Eb Dawson on the CBS comedy *Green Acres*, which aired from 1965 until 1971.

After the series was canceled, Lester parlayed his *Green Acres* stardom into an opportunity to share his lifelong Christian faith, speaking almost every weekend in churches. He landed a few more acting roles, including a part in the 1974 movie *Benji*, but his spiritual beliefs increasingly began to conflict with scripts that crossed his desk.

"I couldn't go into a church and share my faith and be in a movie downtown that people in the church wouldn't see because of the subject matter or language," he says. After he turned down a beer commercial, his talent agency dropped him.

So 13 years ago, Lester returned to Laurel (pop. 18,893) and began a new life tending the land and spreading God's word. Never married—"The Lord never gave me the right one," he says—he lives with his parents, both of whom are in their 90s, and runs the 500-acre family farm in nearby Vossburg.

"He is strong in his convictions, whether it is working or raising wild-life or loving the Lord," says his close friend, Robert Woodall.

Lester makes about 25 speeches annually—fewer last year because he was repairing damage from Hurricane Katrina, which blew five giant oak trees onto his house—mixing folksy stories of *Green Acres* with his views on religion, education and politics.

"Tom is one of the most warm and winsome folks that you will find anywhere," says Randy Turner, pastor of First Baptist Church in Laurel. "One of the strongest things about him is his Christian faith, and he is very consistent with that."

Lester tries to live his faith authentically. "If, with God's help, I wasn't living the Christian life, then me speaking across the country wouldn't have the effect that it has," he says.

Because of a dearth of roles in Hollywood that meet his standards, Lester began to create his own. Last fall, he released a 58-minute DVD movie called *Mel and Tom in Huntin' Buddies*, which features country star Mel Tillis and veteran comic actor Tim Conway. "It's



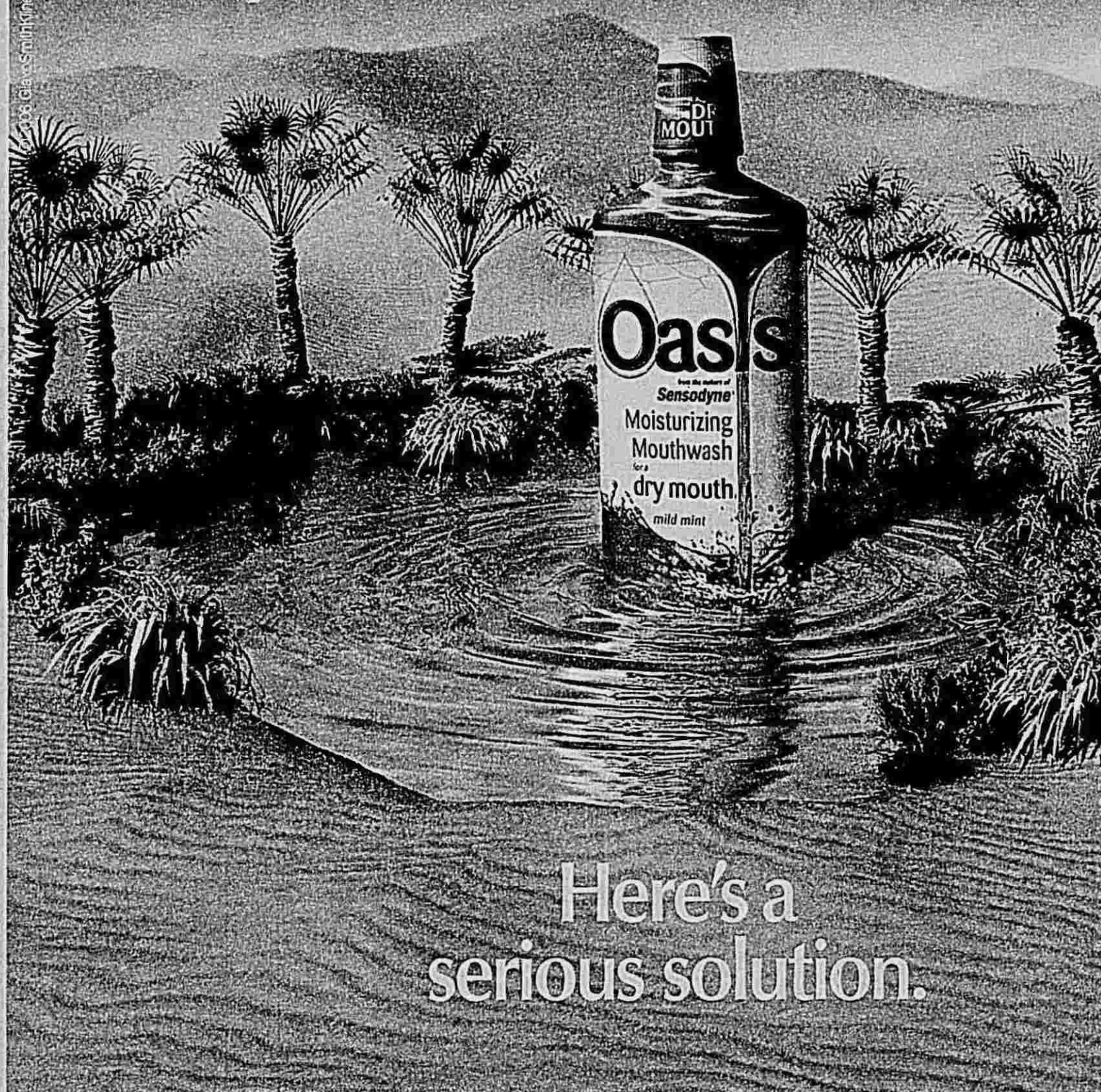
Lester's new *Mel and Tom in Huntin' Buddies* features Mel Tillis, left, and Tim Conway.

funny and something decent the family can watch," he says. "You can show it in church if you want to. The American public is crying out for clean entertainment."

Lester has no regrets about a life and career built on faith and family values

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Quick fix for running toilets

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Posthole gauge

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Carpenter's pencil keeper

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The big idea behind tiny houses

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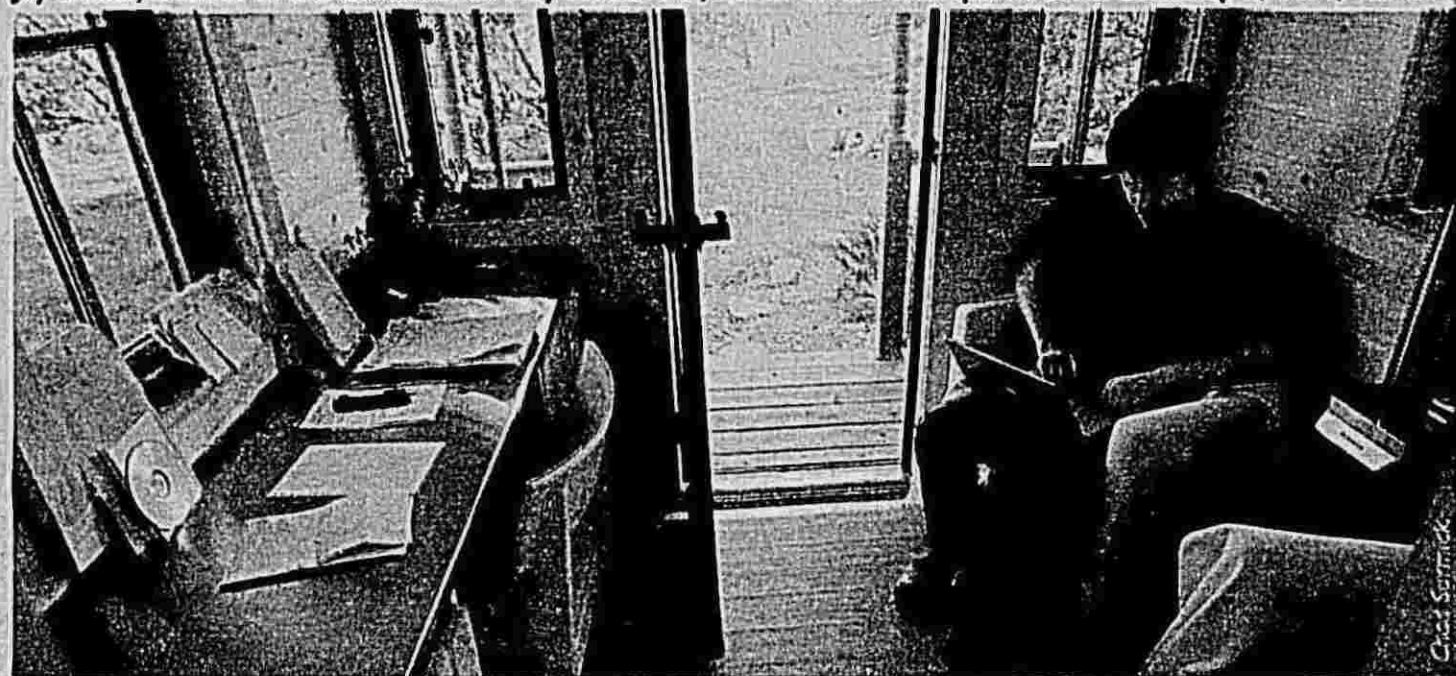
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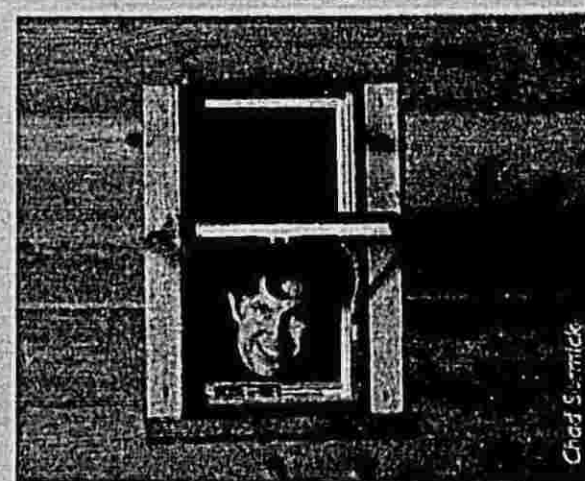
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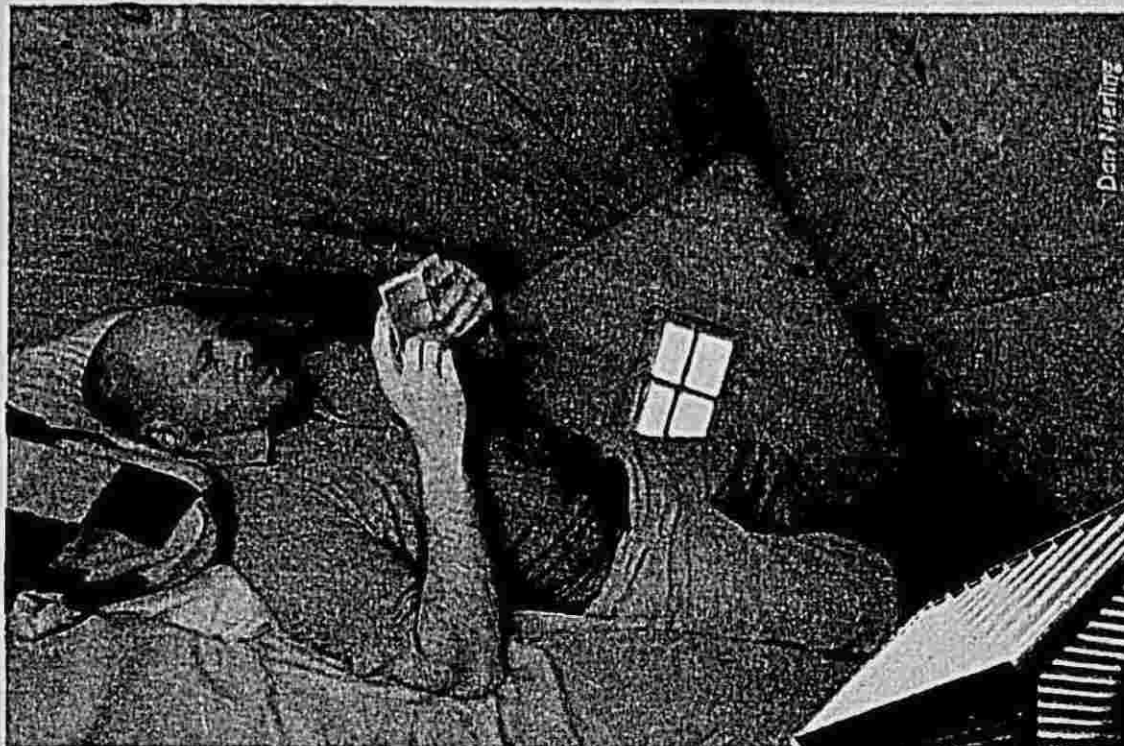


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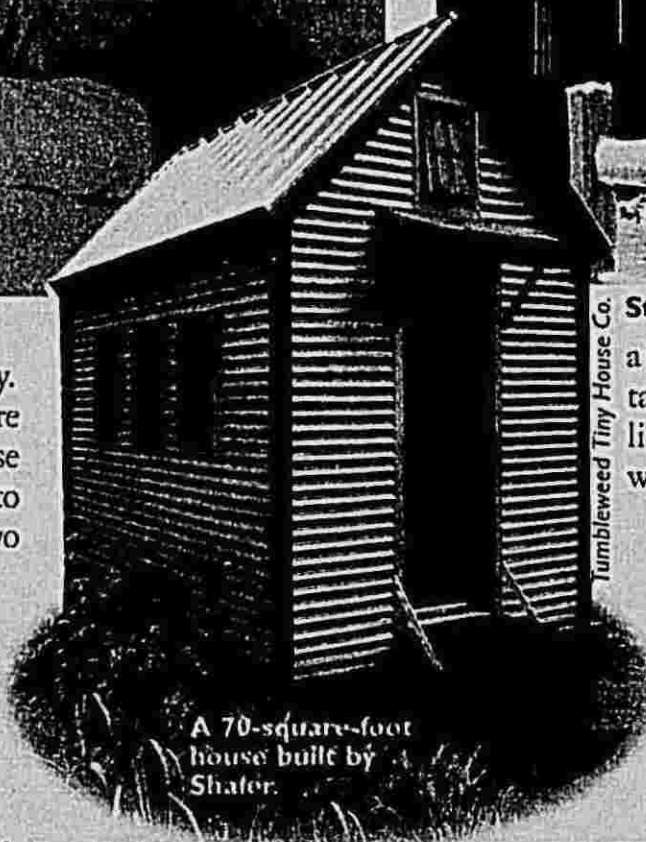
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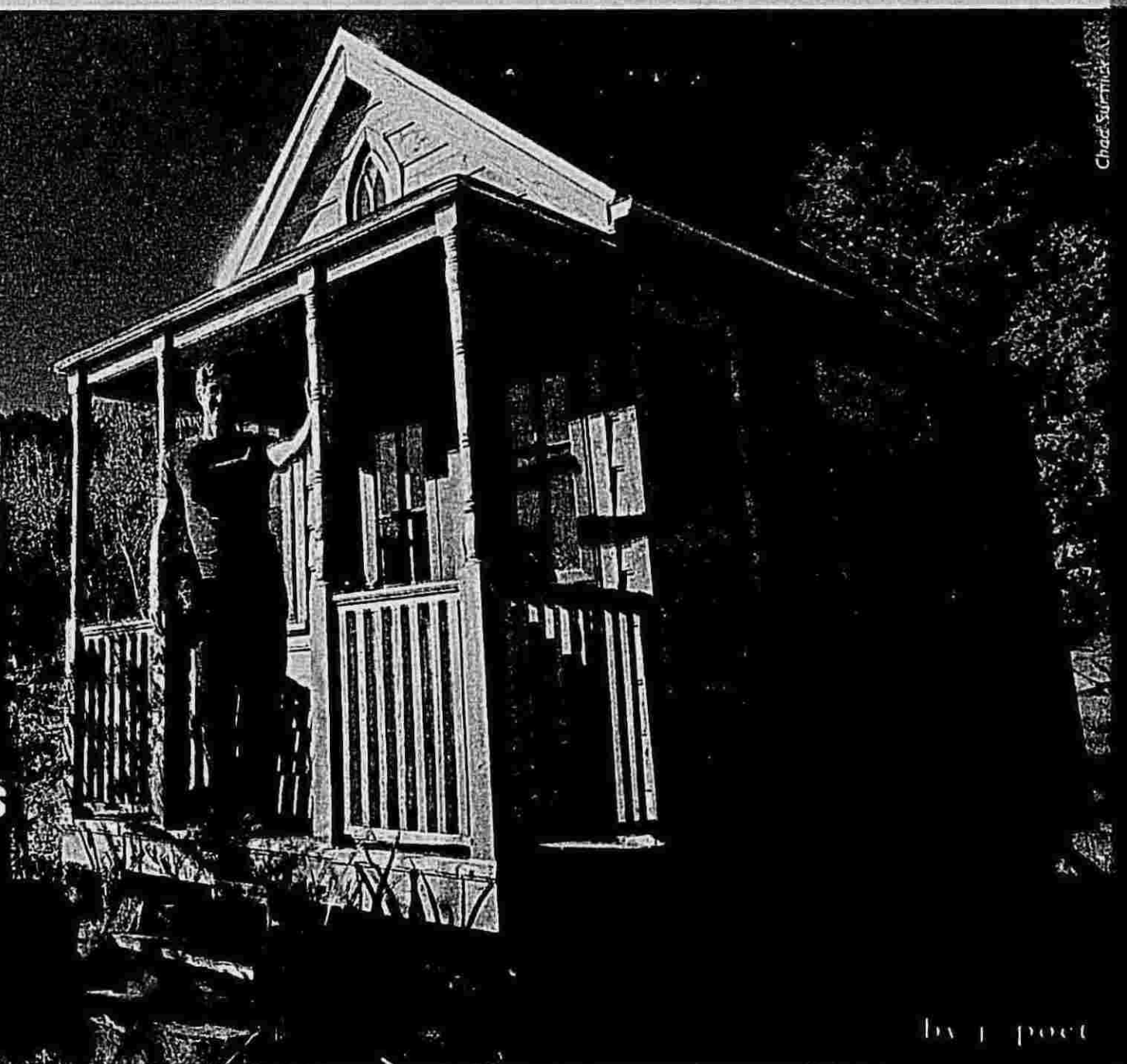
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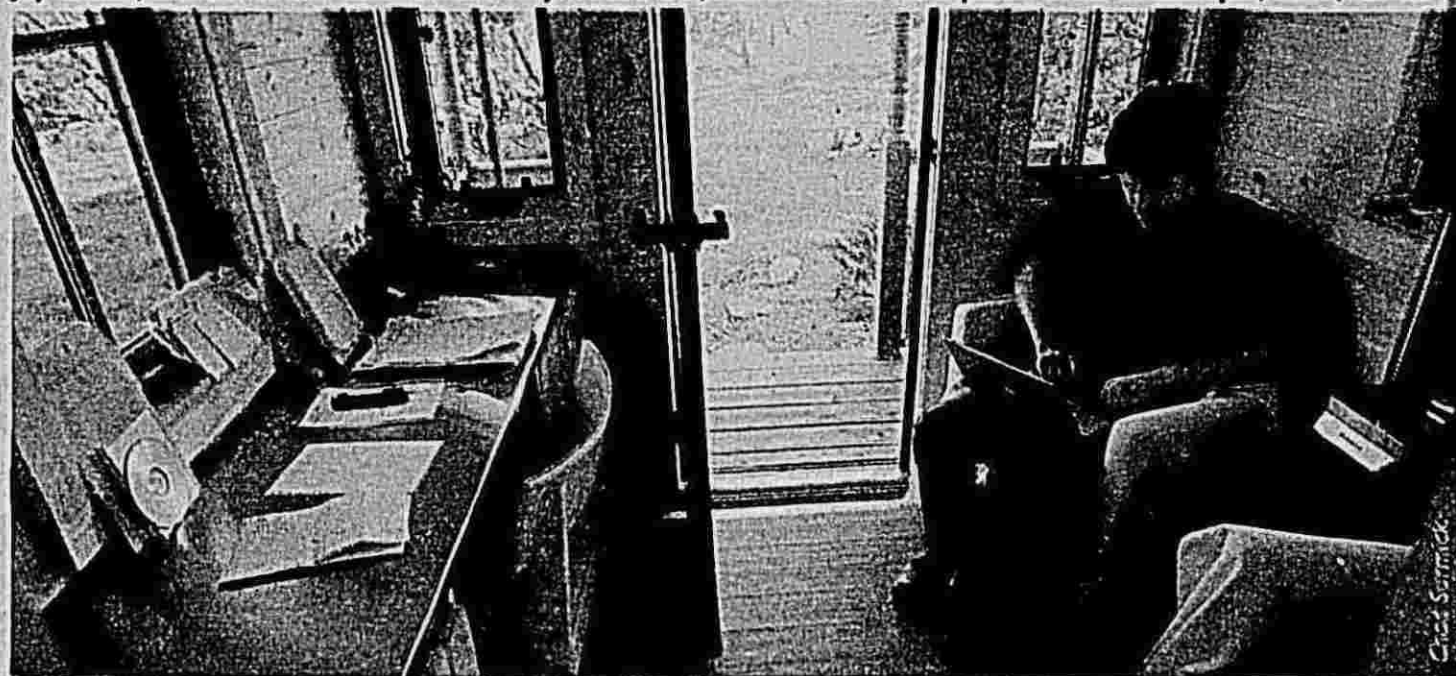
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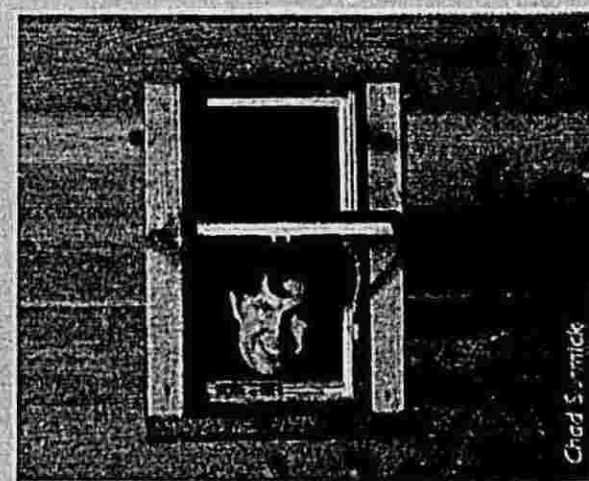
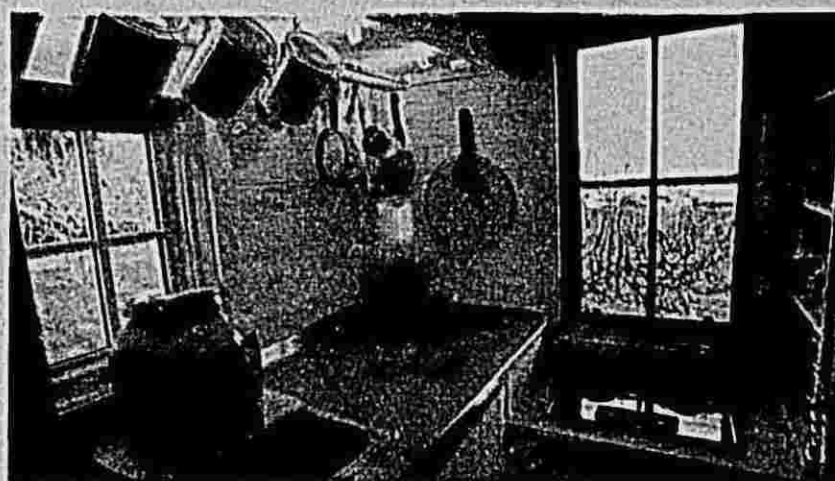
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In 2000, St. James, Neb., literally disappeared from state highway maps, leaving behind a single tavern and a vibrant Catholic parish as the only establishments left to anchor the Cedar County hamlet. Little surprise, then, that residents in the rural farming community were devastated later that same year when the Saints Philip and James Church closed and consolidated with neighboring parishes.

In the search to bring hope and vitality back to St. James, five neighbors—Louise Guy, Vicky Koch, Jeanette Pinkelman, Mary Rose Pinkelman and Violet Pinkelman—came together for a revitalization meeting hosted by the Center for Rural Affairs, a rural advocacy organization based in Lyons, Neb.

"We wanted to save our community," Mary Rose Pinkelman says. "We put our heads together at that meeting and decided to open a weekend marketplace in St. James, where we could keep our sense of community and sell food items and crafts."

Fortunately, the town was equipped with an ideal location for the new venture. Although the 1918 Saints Philip and James School had been closed to classes since 1968, it had been well maintained by the church for social gatherings.

In May 2001, the five spirited farm women rented one of the schoolhouse's old classrooms and officially opened the St. James Marketplace with 16 vendors selling farm-



The 1918 Saints Philip and James School.



Vicky Koch (top left) chats with Julia Kleinschmit Rembert and her children at the St. James Marketplace in Nebraska.

fresh food and handcrafted products. The goal was to "be the needle and thread of the community," offering family-oriented events, quality products and fresh home-made baked goods.

Today, the marketplace occupies the entire building, and nearly 60 vendors sell items such as homemade soaps and lotions, farm fresh fruits, vegetables, meat and eggs, wooden crafts, baked goods, greeting cards and books. The five women oversee the operation, but vendors often pitch in and volunteer as clerks and helpers.

"The major objective of this project has never been about making money," says Mike Heavrin, cooperative development manager for the Center for Rural Affairs. "It demonstrates when local people work together, the whole community can benefit."

Connie Gompert is among the beneficiaries, selling her hand-woven rugs amidst the bustling marketplace. "It's so valuable to have an outlet for rural people to sell the products they make at home," says Gompert of Center, Neb. (pop. 90). "And it's such an interesting place with so many local vendors."

Since the hamlet is void of a performance theater, the marketplace also has become St. James' cultural center, providing shows in the school's auditorium. Visitors enjoy performances by cowboy poets, writers and musicians, as well as nostalgic programs that offer a glimpse of local German heritage dating back to St. James' founding in 1857 in northeast Nebraska Territory. The five women also restored one classroom to show area school groups what classes were like for earlier generations of students.

"You can do so many things in one place," says visitor Julia Kleinschmit Rembert, who brings her children to several events during the marketplace's season from May through the first weekend of December.

The marketplace sponsors its most popular event, Heritage Fest, on the last Sunday in September when it revisits the community spirit of old-time church picnics. More than 1,000 visitors watch demonstrations of time-honored activities such

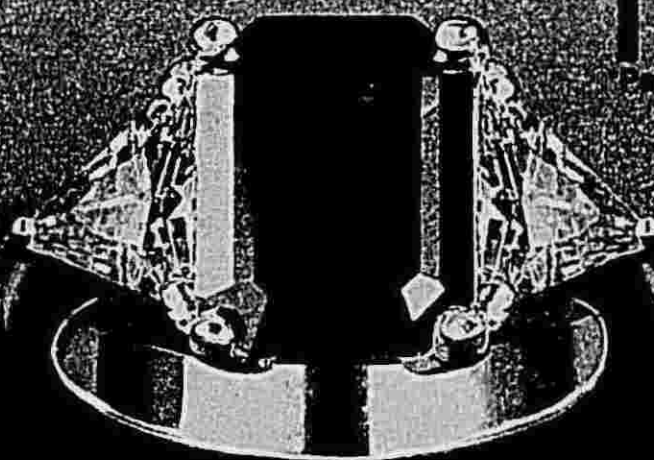
as picking corn by hand, hand-shelling grain, baking bread and separating cream.

Like their vendors, each of the founders "uses their own unique God-given talents," not only in creating wares to sell at the marketplace, but also in developing entertainment programs,

Clockwise from left: Mary Rose Pinkelman, Vicky Koch, Louise Guy, Violet Pinkelman and Jeanette Pinkelman put their town back on the map.



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"The ladies have achieved a restoration of community to rural northern Cedar County," Heavrin says. "They demonstrate that there is real grassroots leadership in the area."

As a result, townsfolk have discovered new talents, rediscovered a sense of community, and put St. James back on state highway maps. "I guess all of us are over-achievers," Violet Pinkelman says. "Opening the marketplace helped us through the loss of our parish and we have been supported very well." ☆

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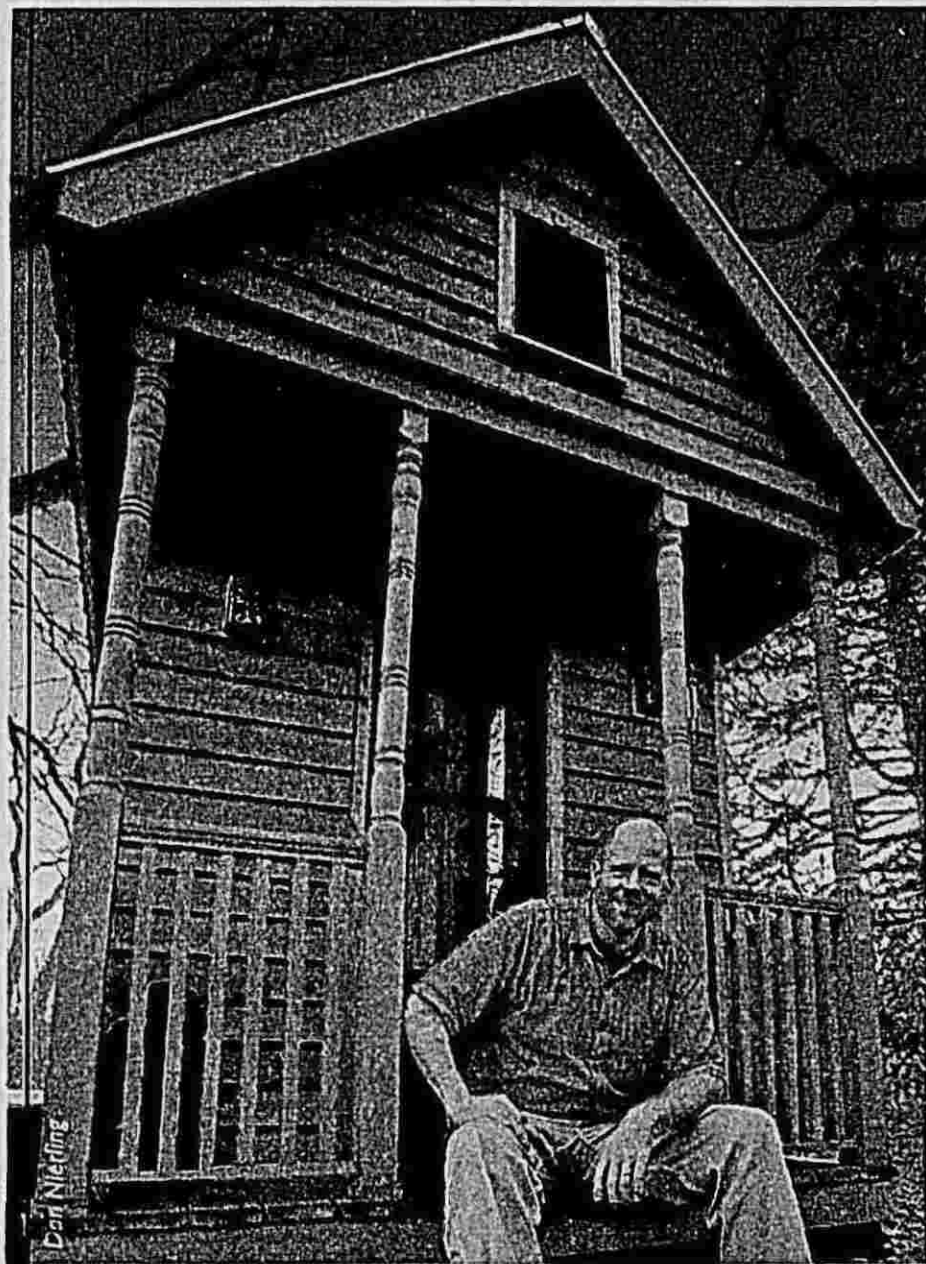
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Johnson bought his 140-square-foot home in Iowa City, Iowa, in 2003.

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priorities," says Edmonds, 38, who sold his large home and quit a corporate job to start a more economical life. "I previously lived in a three-bedroom house and never went into two of the bedrooms. Now my house costs about two bucks a day to heat and cool." Edmonds created the website www.dreamsmall.net, where he shares his story and challenges others to "dream small."

Two such dreamers are Stephanie Johannesen, 35, and her husband, Daniel, 36, who live in Welches, Ore., in a 550-square-foot home built in 1956. "We got rid of a lot of stuff to move in here, but found that most of the clutter served no purpose," Stephanie says. "We intend to raise our family in this house. We're thinking of adding one of Jay's tiny houses as a guest unit, but that depends on what the next year brings."

Wave of the future?

In 2005, Shafer moved back to California, where he runs the Tumbleweed Tiny House Co. from his tiny house.

Shafer says that most Tumbleweed homes, which range in size from 70 to 700 square feet, can be built for less than \$50,000, with the smallest home costing about \$40,000. "I've built 10 by myself from the ground up," he says. "I have 50 sets of plans I supply to people on my website (www.tumbleweedhouses.com). The biggest problem is making sure the house feels roomy and comfortable despite its size. It's a challenge, but it's more about design than the amount of space."

His clients invest in tiny houses for various reasons. "Some are interested in a second home or vacation cottage, some are interested in a free-standing addition to their existing home, or adding a studio or extra bedroom," Shafer says. "Then there are people like myself and Greg who want to live in them full time."

Of course, Shafer realizes that small homes aren't for everyone. "I don't know if tiny houses are the wave of the future," he says stepping out onto his front porch. "But I'm pretty sure they're a tiny ripple in the wave of the future." ★

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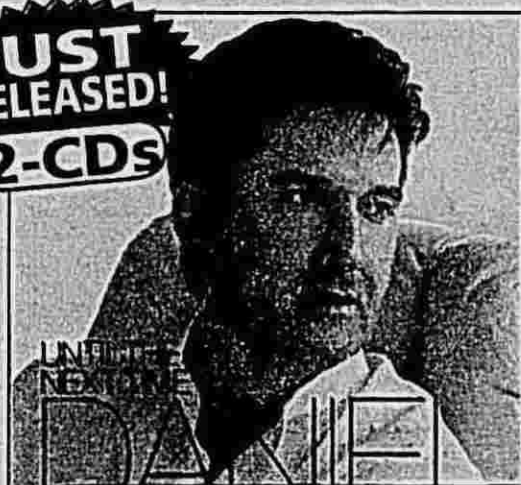
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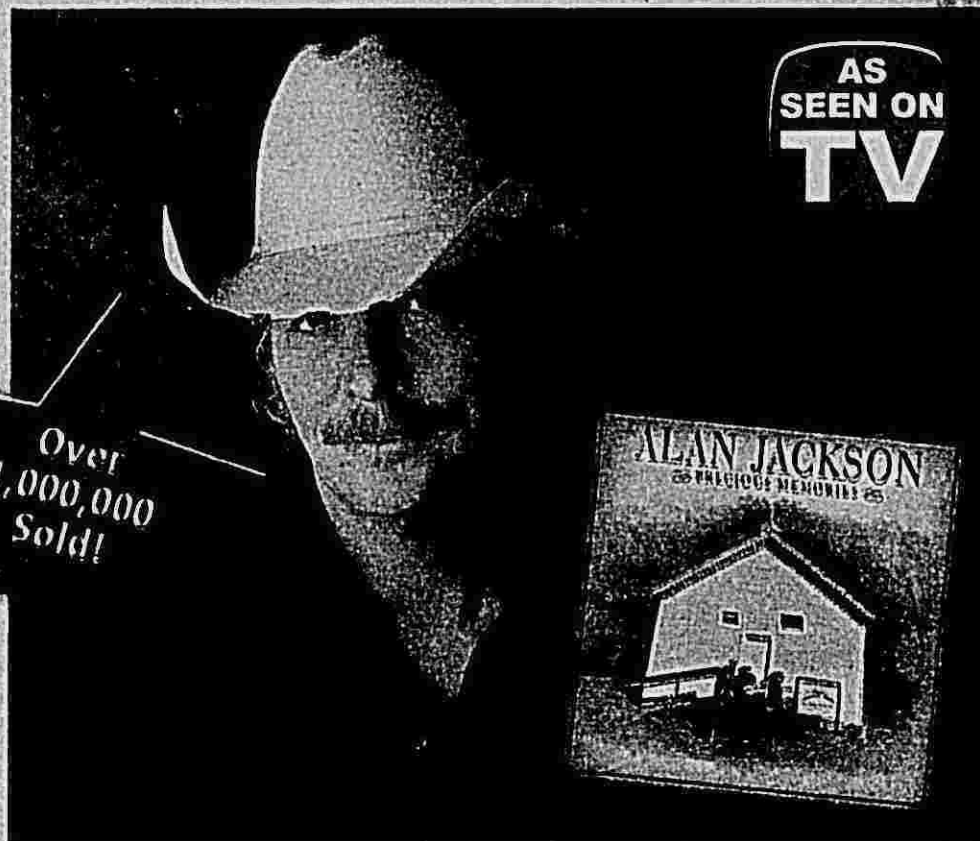
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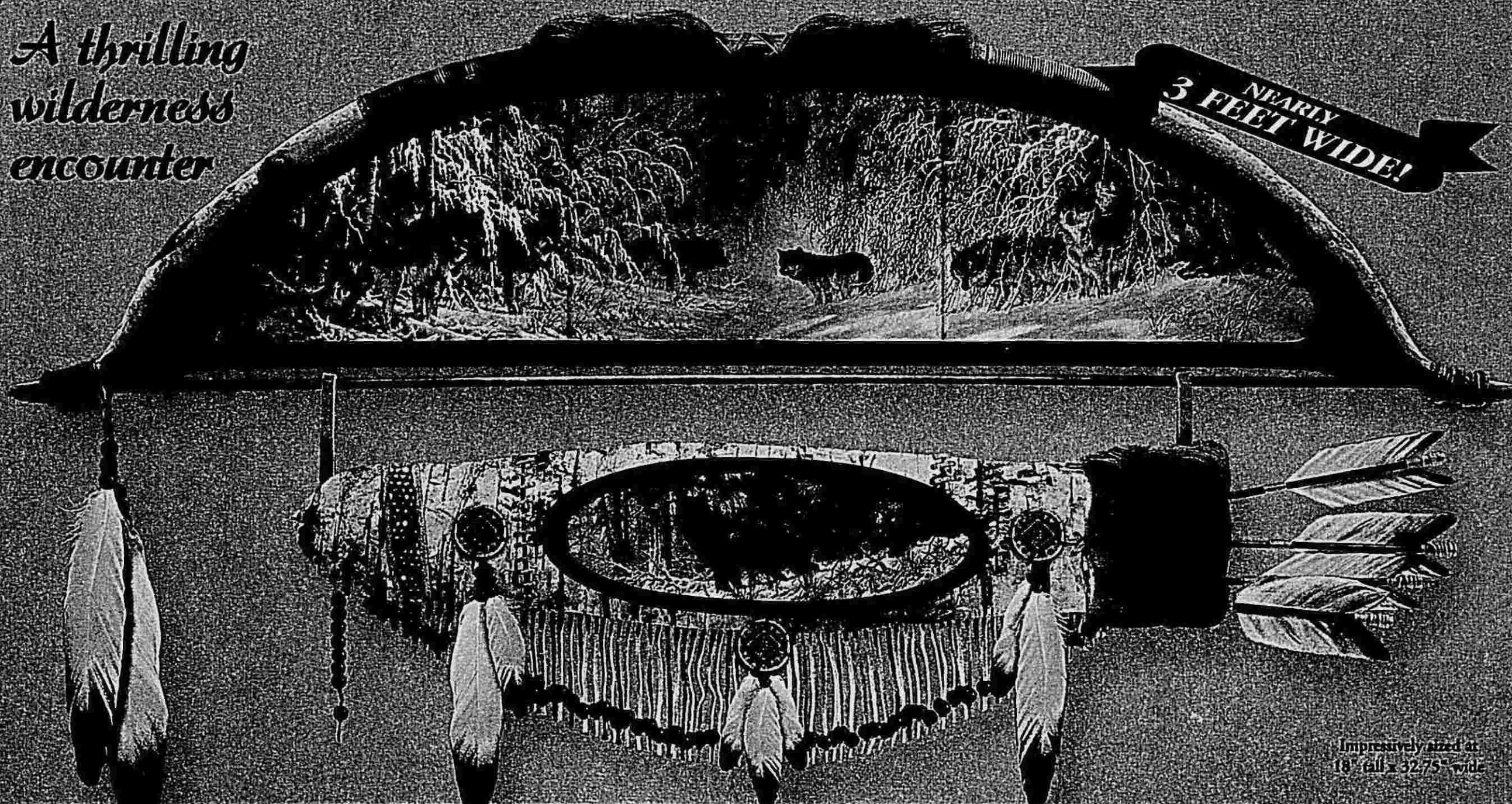
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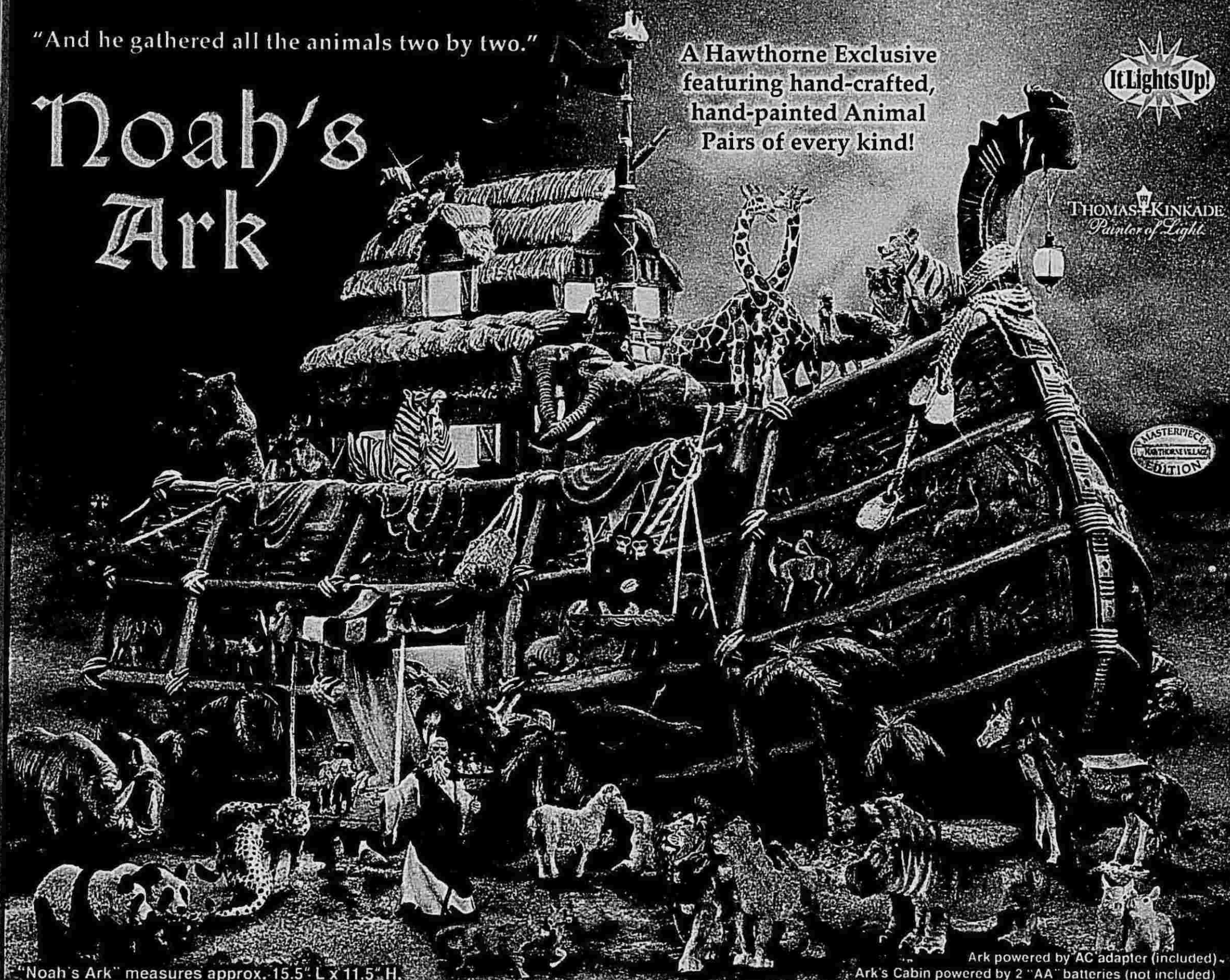
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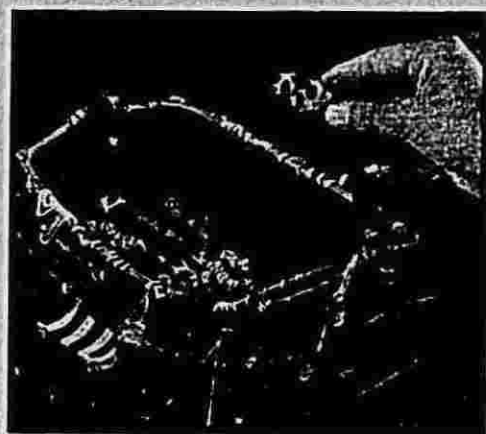
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